

Life Group Discussion

Lineage Pt 2

Big Idea

This week, Pastor Ryan continues our series title, “Lineage”. It’s all about legacy, eternity, sacrifice and a willingness to act now!

What do we want people to say about us when we’re gone? What do we want God to remember about the lives we lived on Earth? If we want our names and our memories to be remembered with joy, we must be intentional about it. That’s what living a legacy life in this family is all about.

In Exodus 32, we learn that Moses became an advocate for the people of Israel when God became weary of their sin. He begged God to remember the lineage he began in Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. In the same way, we have the opportunity to be advocates for the people around us. To remind ourselves that we have a mission in life that is God ordained. To dare to believe that He could still use us to bring about the eternal covenant He made with Abraham 4,000 years ago. That is what LEGACY is all about!

But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God... Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’”

Exodus 32:11-13

Discussion Questions

1. *Read Exodus 32:9-13.* What inspires you about Moses’ appeal to God? How does this inform your faith?
2. Pastor Ryan spoke about the power of names this weekend. He mentioned that negative consequences he experienced as a young man for the name he was called. Have you ever experienced the power of a name (such as a nickname) and the the impact it makes on your life. Did it lead you to confidence or feelings of inadequacy?
3. *Read Genesis 32:26-28.* Jacob wrestled with God! As a result he walked away with a limp in his step (injured hip) but with a new name and strengthened faith. What are you wrestling with God over? Are you willing to lose something of value to have peace with God, as Jacob did? What might that look like?
4. How does all of this speak to the greater family God has been building? What are you learning about the lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Israel that has been helpful?
5. Legacy often involves sacrifice—what are you willing to sacrifice in order to live a legacy life? How is God asking you to participate in building a healthy future for our church family?

Prayer Focus

Father God, thank you for the example of Moses as he led the Israelites. Help us, as we live legacy lives, to build upon your great lineage and promise. Remind us that we work, live and serve from a place of affirmation as your children. Amen.

Next Steps

Pastor Ryan announced this weekend that our Legacy Offering is right around the corner. It culminates on Sunday December 12, 2021. Would you ask God how you and your household should participate this year? We have been challenged by Pastor Ryan to see the possibility of a new facility for our ministry. The financial gap to accomplish this is \$500,000. We ask that you seriously consider how God has built your faith through the ministry of this house and consider how you can participate in the building of our future.