

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Viewing Retirement With Lasting Hope – Joshua 14:6-15

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of retired person
2. Plan for Retirement
3. Reflect on God's Faithfulness
4. Embrace God's Calling for You
5. Conclusion – living with the lasting hope of Jesus Christ enables us to maximize what we can do for God in retirement

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Numbers 13:30 - But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.
- Numbers 14:7-9 - The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us...
- Numbers 14:24 - But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring him into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.
- Deuteronomy 6:5 - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.
- Matthew 22:37 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
- Lamentations 3:22-23 - The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning great is your faithfulness.
- Romans 8:38-39 - For I am sure that neither death nor life...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Hebrews 13:5 - I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- Matthew 16:18 - I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Discussion Questions

- Given your specific season of life, how do you view retirement?
- How does society, on a whole, view retirement in terms of how time can/should be spent?
- What impact does the fact that Caleb was wholly devoted to the Lord early in life have on how we should think about planning for retirement?
- What are some specific things that you need to do, with the Lord's help, to become more devoted to the Lord?
- How has God been faithful in your life and in the lives of your family?
- What can you do to more regularly reflect on God's faithfulness in your life?
- How does God's faithfulness point you back to Scripture and the promises of God?
- What promises of God are most impactful for you at your specific stage in life?
- Why is it important to know that God has a calling for each of us in retirement?
- What are the things you can do right now for God's Kingdom and His church with the time that you have (if you are retired)?
- If you are not retired, how can you think about retirement so that you plan to serve the Lord instead of solely being focused on your own needs and wants?
- How does this passage and sermon remind you of how much you need Jesus?
- How does this passage and sermon help you love Jesus more?