

SUNDAY MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE



Message Title: God Is The Same

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Big Idea:

By the time we become teenagers, we realize how much things change: friends change, styles change, expectations change. Sometimes, these changes can make us feel uneasy, or even hopeless. But the Bible tells us that God never changes. The God we serve and worship at Piedmont Chapel is the same God who showed His might to lead His people into the Promised Land, the same God who spoke through the prophets, the same God revealed through Jesus Christ. Despite this fact, some of us feel like God has been silent, or that He has given up on us. But that is a lie, meant to separate us from His loving care for us. No matter what mistakes we've made, no matter how far we may have fallen, God still speaks to us and desires to work through us. We just need to quiet our hearts, focus our minds, and be still enough to listen to Him. If we stop running around, trying to do things our own way, we will undoubtedly hear the voice of the loving and sovereign Father God still calling us to Him.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8 ESV)

Question 1:

Do you feel like God is silent in your life?

Question 2:

What types of things most often occupy your thoughts?

Question 3:

What distractions in your life can you eliminate or reduce, to help you be still and hear God speak?

Prayer Focus:

We praise God as almighty and unchanging, and we thank Him for the promise that He will always remain the same. We ask that He forgive us for getting so caught up in temporal and insignificant things, to the point that we no longer listen to Him. Finally, we ask that He help us trust His goodness and accept His peace, so that we can better hear His voice.

Next Steps:

Pastor Mitch gave us the example of his youngest daughter's inability to stay still, and while we might chuckle at the actions of a rambunctious three-year-old, we probably don't consider ourselves to be as easily distracted. But when we let the concerns of everyday life pull us from the voice of the eternal God, then we act just a silly as a child. As a group, plan to set aside time every day to just stop and listen to God speak, both by praying and by reading the Bible.