

Sermon Discussion Guide

04.07.24 Message | Tyler Myers | Hebrews 4:11-13

KEY SCRIPTURE

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- Hebrews 4:11-13

PRIMARY THOUGHT

• I don't want to hide from God but rather be hidden in Christ.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- As heavy as life is, Jesus is the best voice to follow.
- We're learning and experiencing that Jesus not only gets us but he's also got us.
- Do we approach God with a healthy fear? Should we be afraid of the Lord, or should our fear be out of reverence?

CONVERSATION STARTER

• Reflect on a time when you felt the weight of trying versus training in your spiritual journey. How does Jesus' guidance make a difference?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- How has the Spirit spoken to you through this section of God's Word?
- Verse 12 describes the Word of God as "living and active" and sharper than a two-edged sword. How have you experienced the power and impact of God's Word in your own life?
- Verse 13 mentions that no creature is hidden from God's sight and that all are exposed to whom we must give account. How does knowing that God sees everything affect your relationship with him and others?
- What do you think it means for the Word of God to "pierce to the division of soul and spirit, joints and marrow?" How does this affect your understanding of the authority of scripture?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- How does this message help us understand the balance between fear (being scared) and fear (respect) of the Lord?
- How can we practically experience God's Word as "living and active" in our daily routines?

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

- Discuss what it means to be "hidden in Christ."
- How can we apply these principles of being "hidden in Christ" in our daily lives?
- What does it mean for something to be hidden in your heart?
- Discuss a time when the Word of God revealed something hidden in your heart. How did it lead to change or growth in your life?

THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

- Tyler frequently mentions Madison Park Church's core values. How can the core values of Word, prayer, generosity and accountability help us not fall into disobedience?
- According to Hebrews 4:11, what does it mean to "train" in the context of entering God's rest?

THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- How does this sermon align with the idea of careful shepherding through uncomfortable learning to understand God's unconditional love found in Jesus?
- In what ways does the sermon encourage believers to point others to the benediction Tyler mentions in Hebrews 13:20-21?