



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - June 5, 2011

Sermon

God in the Movies:

"Glee - Grilled Cheesus"

by Bob Shank

Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 6/6/11

Job 1:13-22

What do you do when someone you love is deathly sick? How do you feel? What do you say? What do you do? Job was stricken with much grief, many problems, and even the deaths of his children. His friends thought he must have done some horrible sin to offend God that resulted in so much devastation in his life. Job simply remained faithful and prayed to God. Can we be this faithful when bad things happen to us?

Tuesday 6/7/11

Psalm 121

Sometimes in the midst of terminal illnesses and death, we do not know where to turn. We feel pressed in by the impending affects of severe illness and death in our family or circle of friends. Where do you turn? The Psalmist suggest that even in times like these, help comes from the Lord. Psalm 121 is often read at funerals and for good reason. No matter how grave a situation is for us, we can and should always turn to the Lord who will definitely help us!

Wednesday 6/8/11

Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..." Now these are surely words of comfort and assurance. These words of scripture are probably the most well known, except maybe John 3:16, even among non-churched people. This Psalm affirms a simple yet solid trust in the Good Shepherd who is always here for us--even when we "walk through the valley of the shadow of death." This Psalm should be read over and over until we have it committed to our memory. There are probably no better words to memorize or remember when we face difficult times in our lives!



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

Write a letter to God...

Pray for those with cancer...

Thursday 6/9/11
Galatians 3:25-29

God's eyes are apparently quite different from our eyes. How we see things are just plain different. We see the differences in people--sex, color, height, nationality, etc. According to this letter to the Galatians, Paul is saying that in God's eyes we are all the same to God no matter our situation among each other in this life. God sees beyond these barriers. How do you accept people who are different from you? Are you judgmental? Do you treat people differently depending on where they are from or what they look like? What does Jesus do about these differences?

Friday 6/10/11
Romans 3:23

This short verse says more than a mouthful. Each and every one of us has sinned. None of us is perfect. Why do we point fingers at others when we see some fault in them? Why do we think we are better than others? Why do we think our sins are less serious? What does this verse say to you about sin in your life?

Saturday 6/11/11
1 John 4:7-21

Love is not always not easy. Just ask a couple who have been married for 50 years or so! Yet, God asks us to love one another. We are to love each other no matter our differences. These words in 1st John are complicated and not easy to follow. No, love it not always so easy. But love, true love that comes from God, is our goal as Christians. Today, try to love someone who you do not think is so lovable. It won't be easy, but ask God to help you. After all, God is love, so if we can love a little more like God loves, than we can do this. "If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us." I don't know about you, but this kind of love is worth trying!