



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - October 7, 2012

Sermon

Heaven is for Real:

“Up or Down”

Psalm 26 & 1 John 1:5-10

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 10/8/12

Psalm 26:1-3

David is ready to stand before his Judge. He believes he is living an upright life full of faithfulness. He is ready even though he knows the scales of justice in his life are about to be balanced. He believes he has gone the way of faith. What about you? Are you ready for judgment day? Are you ready to give account for your life and faith? Why or why not?

Tuesday 10/9/12

Psalm 26:4-5

David did not hang out with the wrong types of people. He states clearly, “I have not taken my seat with foolish persons, and I do not go with false men.” Who we sit with or hang out with can make us or break us. It is that important! With whom do you hang out or associate with? What is your view on peer pressure? What do you know about bullying? Be careful with whom you hang out; it can lead you down a wrong path.

Wednesday 10/10/12

Psalm 26:6-8

David likes the Church, well, the Temple in his case. He talks to God and says that he will make himself clean from any sin by washing. Then he will go around the altar and sing praises for everyone to hear so they might know of God. How many times do you sing God’s praises loud enough for others to hear? If we know that God has forgiven us and blessed us, then we should be singing and shouting at the top of our lungs! God is good and greatly to be praised! God deserves our praises and we really should tell others about God!



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

Think about exactly who will get to go to heaven.

Confess your sin today and get right with God!

Share the Bible, God's story, with someone else this week.

Thursday 10/11/12
Psalm 26:9-12

David knows that he is human and is only one small sin away from really messing up his life. Our lives are precarious and each of us live in danger of sinning and risking our relationship with God. David asks God to not let his soul be numbered with the sinners. He is fully aware that evil people are all around and they could very easily contaminant his faith. In the end, he knows fully that he has a very special resting place with the Lord. Do you realized this yourself? Are you praising God and going to church?

Friday 10/12/12
1 John 1:5-7

John is a writer of letters who writes about love--God's love! In these verses, John is saying that God is light in God there is no darkness at all. We need to be careful. If we say we are joined to God, but are, in fact, walking around in darkness then our words are untrue and false. But if we are walking in the light, as God is in the light, then we will be united with each other. God is the judge of people, not us. So, walk in the light of God!

Saturday 10/13/12
1 John 1:8-10

Are you a sinner? Do you confess this? Many people find it so easy to live a lie their entire lives. We need to be true to ourselves and true to God. We also need to confess our sins. And if we do, God is faithful and true to the word, and forgives us of our sin. This is the promise God extends to every single person: if we confess our sins, God forgives us, and makes us right and clean. We need to get right with the God and help others to see the light so they can clean up their act and get right with God, too!