

Growth Group Questions from Sunday, December 15 - Hebrews 6:13-20

Remember, if you miss Sunday, the sermon is posted soon after, usually by Sunday night.

*Read Hebrews 6:13-20

1) Pastor Tim began the sermon quoting C.S. Lewis in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*: “It is winter in Narnia, and has been for ever so long...always winter and never Christmas; think of that!” What are some of the ways that we as believers can be tempted to think of life like “always winter and never Christmas”? How would being an unbeliever make this season especially like “always winter and never Christmas” (think also about how little we even see or hear the word Christmas anymore)?

2) Why is it an encouragement to us to know that God can't lie?

3) Think about how God promised Abram in Genesis 12 that he would make a great nation from him, in Genesis 13 he promised it again, in Genesis 15 he made a covenant with him, in Genesis 17 he changed his name from Abram (“exalted father”) to Abraham (“father of a multitude”), and in Genesis 22 after Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac he swore an oath. How does Abraham's faith journey and God's promises and finally oath to Abraham encourage our faith in the promises of God?

4) Read Galatians 3:16, 26, and 29. How are believers called Abraham's sons and daughters by faith? If time, see also Romans 4:16-25.

5) Think about how Hebrews 6:18b says that we have fled to God for refuge through Jesus. What are some of the other things we flee to for refuge? How does it give us “strong encouragement” to know that Jesus is the refuge that won't fail us?

6) Read Hebrews 6:19-20. Remember that early Christians would sometimes use the symbol of an anchor on their graves to remind each other that Jesus was the steadfast anchor of their souls. How specifically does Hebrews 6:19-20 show us that Jesus is an anchor for our souls? How does knowing Jesus anchor us in the storms of life?