

Sermon Study Guide – June 17th, 2018:

Today's Focus – "Camping for the Fun of It"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ How might our time here on this earth resemble camping? How does this reflect our series focus, that we're "jars of clay"?
- ◆ Do you enjoy camping? What do people get out of it? Why do they do it? How does this apply to "spiritual camping"?

2) Today's Message: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. ⁶ therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Feel free to answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. What is called “camping” in our sermon text? What’s the “home” we return to after camping?
2. When we face struggles and burdens in our lives, how is it helpful to remember that we’re just “camping” here on earth?
3. What does it mean that God has “deposited” his Spirit in us?
4. What do our readings teach us about having “fun” in these earthly “tents”? What do our sermon’s final verses teach us about it?
5. At the end of the sermon, put today’s focus in your own words. (i.e. How is the “camping” we do here on earth “fun”?)

4) Taking it Home:

Consider the following as you go about your week:

- ◆ What specific things will make a camping trip better? What specific reasons will cause a person to go camping? Do such examples bring to mind any parallels in your walk of faith?
- ◆ The reading for Friday gives a picture of what life will be like before the end of the time, as well as what that final judgment will bring. Read this section closely, and see which parallels you find between it and our sermon text.

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: review Ge 12:1-5, Lk 8:14-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 11:8-16, Romans 4

Wednesday: Psalm 119:17-32

Thursday: Philippians 1:12-26

Friday: Matthew 25:14-46

Saturday: review 2 Cor. 5:1-10