



Sermon Growth Guide

February 2, 2025

God Rescues

Hebrews 11:20-28

Key Verse: Hebrews 11:28

“By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.”

Big Idea: By faith, you receive the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Foundations

God is at work in this world. God has a mission to save, restore and redeem all of lost creation. What we need to do is figure out what God is doing and try to be a part of it.

We talk about the mission of the church but it is more important to remember, it isn't so much that God has a mission for the church as it is that God has made a church for His mission. God doesn't exist to serve our mission; the church exists to serve the mission of God. God's Mission Has a Church.

This week, we learn that God rescues us for his mission. We're rescued by the blood of Jesus, shed for you. Jesus' blood is God's blood. It's perfect. Sin has never, not once, mixed with the perfectly righteous blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

We are rescued and commissioned into God's mission to seek and save the lost, we partner in the inbreaking kingdom of God that will see all things made new. Justice and mercy will be the order. Love will be the foundation. Delight and rest will be the rhythms of the day.

Check in with one another. Pray for one another. Hold one another's lives with grace and truth.

Understanding God's Word

Read together Hebrews 11:20-28

Why is this section called 'the hall of faith'? What is your biggest question about this passage? Help one another think through the questions raised.

Verses 24 – 28 center on Moses' faith. What aspect of Moses' life is most noteworthy to you? What aspect of Moses would you most like to emulate in your own faith journey.

Applying God's Word

By faith, you receive the blood of Christ, shed for you. The Scriptures paint a very clear picture: sin is covered by blood. What does it mean for you on a practical level to live in the grace of God that says not one drop of your own blood is needed (nor would it do a thing) – Jesus trades you his perfect blood for your sin-colored blood. Therefore . . .

Witnessing God's Word

How does God's grace of Jesus' blood for you change the way you walk in God's mission? How can you better receive God's love for you?