

LIFE LINKS

Growing Together



(Remember the point is not to get through all the questions, but to facilitate connection between each other and God's word.)

:Life:

Describe a time in your life where you really got "lost"? (Before phone navigation.)

:Bible:

This week we started about Samson. Samson has been emulated in movies and plastered on flannel graph. The celebrity of Samson can overshadow the true story of a man that embodies the moral state of Israel at that time. It is a time of general malaise in the tribal lands of Israel. It was filled with religious compromise and the people of God just seeking to keep the status quo. Into this context God decide to act and raise up a deliverer. Rather than calling someone he decides to start from scratch. He contacts a barren women to let her know that life is about to change and the circumstances are going to rock their community. God is disturbing the awkward peace.

Which is more important to you; safety or adventure/meaningful life?

How do you define security? Full bank account? Nice home? Safe schools? Mutual flourishing?

(Deeper question: How does the Bible define security? Why is there such a distance between the two concepts of security?)

Do you consider the call to follow Jesus a life of adventure or a life of restraint? Why?

Read Scripture:

John 6:60-71

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

Many of Jesus' sermons were very divisive. He meant to leave no middle ground, no compromise. This passage is no different, he is not interested in dressing up the message to make people comfortable.

Do we come to Jesus like the disciples, frustrated at his words, or do we come in obedience?

How can we live our lives of partnering with God in our community?

:Application:

Who is your one? How are you getting involved in their life?

:Prayer Requests:

