

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: Who Needs God – I Do

What's this message about – Now that we have addressed *some* of the barriers that most commonly keep people from a life-changing faith- misunderstandings based on our childhood perceptions of God, misunderstandings based on a skewed scriptural perspective, and finally, a lack of understanding of who God truly is---it is time to consider the final barriers that keep you from saying, "I do" to God.

How different would your life be with a large dose of "hope and peace?" Do you want to be a part of something bigger than you, part of a benevolent plan in which you belong to a community that offers a unique purpose? Sure, you will have to give up a few things, but you will also be free to do things that really bring joy and fulfillment. Saying, "yes" to Jesus is the same as saying, "Yes, I want the abundant life you offer; yes, I want the hope, peace and community that fellowship with you brings; yes, I want to be free from the things that rob me of the true joy and fulfillment. The decision to say "I Do" to God will involve change and maybe even sacrifice, but the journey will also offer unimaginable rewards in this life and the next.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *What are some reasons that you or others are resistant to acknowledging their need for God?*
- *What do you think James meant by, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you?"*
- *If someone asked you, "Why do I need God" what story would you tell?*
- *Has anyone met Jesus through you?*

Do something about it:

Consider the question, "*Why do I need God?*" As the week progresses, begin each day asking yourself that same question. Ask God to reveal to you the every day evidences of His personal work in your life. Make a list of those blessings, those reasons that you need God and share them with someone who needs to hear it.

Digging deeper:

James 4:8; Romans 5:8-10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; John 8:32; 10:10