

Disappointment – Week 1 – Pastor Bill Gunderson – 9-4-22

1. When have you experienced disappointment in life?
2. How do you usually respond to disappointment?
3. When have you been disappointed in yourself?
4. How do you usually respond you disappoint yourself?

Matthew 27:1-5 - Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ² So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ³ When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." ⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

5. What stands out to you about Judas' response to his disappointment?
6. Do you think that was Judas sorry for what he'd done?
7. Did Judas turn to Christ for forgiveness?
8. Why is it important to turn to Jesus when we sin?

John 3:18 - Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

It's important to note that Judas was not condemned because of his betrayal of Jesus or his choice to end his own life. He, like everyone, is condemned for not believing in Jesus.

9. What are your thoughts about this truth that we are condemned, until we believe and trust in Jesus for forgiveness?

Mathew 26:69-75 - ⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" ⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." ⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

9. How is Peter's denial similar to Judas' betrayal of Jesus? How is it different?
10. How were Judas and Peter's feelings about what they had done similar?

When Peter heard that Jesus was risen we read what his response was:

Luke 24:12 - Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

11. What was Peter's response to his remorse for denying Jesus?
12. Why do you think our tendency is to run away from God when we sin?
13. Why is it important that we run to God when we sin?

John 21:15-17 - ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

11. Why do you think that Jesus asked Simon 3 times if he loved Him?

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

12. What is Jesus' response when we come to him with our sin?

13. What stands out to you about this verse?

14. How are others important in dealing with our disappointments?

15. Is there anything you need to confess to Jesus?

16. How can we pray for you?