

“God Rescues the Hypocrite” | Isaiah 29

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. As you start your time together take a moment to reflect on the habits, practices and activities you engage in to nurture your faith. Take a moment and share with each other what some of them are and how they help you. Then, discuss and share thoughts on what would happen if you stopped doing them.
2. This week’s message deals with the issue of participating in the activities of the kingdom of God but not connecting with them from the heart. Have you ever experienced this? Have you ever seen or engaged with someone who was doing the right or expected things but just wasn’t truly living them? How would you describe the experience?
3. In verses 29:13-16 the prophet shares why God is angry with the people. Take a moment to read the verses and discuss the three things Pastor Jim highlighted as the problem. How do you see those in your daily life?
4. God is angry because the people’s hearts are far from God, they think they can hide their true intentions from Him and they believe God doesn’t know what He’s talking about. In reality we have all acted in this way at one point or another. Take a moment and share which of these has been a pattern for you, or one you have wrestled with.
5. Pastor Jim shared some very encouraging hope from the latter part of the chapter. Read verses 17-24 and discuss what the message for those who have walked away from the Lord is. What is the hope for the parents, family and friends of those who have wandered away?
6. The beauty of God is that He never stops pursuing us, He never stops seeking us, calling for us to return. At the end of the service Pastor Jim did a survey to see just how many people in the service had walked away at one point and how many had felt God’s loving call back to Him. As you close today, reflect on your own journeys, take a moment to share your own story of wandering and being brought back. Thank God for His faithfulness and patient love. Pray for those out wandering, that they may come back to the Lord.