

Sermon Questions

Hebrew 13:15-16

“A Sacrifice of Praise”

- 1) What does it mean to sacrifice? What are some of the difficulties we face when we see the need to or are asked to sacrifice? What are the benefits of sacrifice?
- 2) Looking at the circumstances of life or just the world around us can keep us from praising God, but the Word tells us not to look to those things – rather to look to God which always leads to praise. Read Heb. 10:17, 12:28, 13:6 and reflect on why we always are able to offer praises to God.
- 3) Pastor Jim gave us three reasons why it can be costly to praise God: He deserves continual praise, He won't accept substitutes, and He deserves our outward praise. Discuss which of these reasons make praising Him the most difficult for you.
- 4) Knowing that God is always worthy of praise, and those sacrifices are going to cost us something then we must be willing to value God above our circumstances and the world around us. How can we pursue hearts of faith that put God above just the things we see? Look back at the scriptures in question 2. If we truly embraced these truths, how would it transform our praise?
- 5) As a group or on your own, spend some time writing down praises to God, reflect on His Word and His promises. Share these with each other and rejoice in the awesome God we serve who is worthy of our praise.