

Sermon 12/19/21

“Five People and Jesus... The Unknown Soldier”

Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 38: 6-13

Matthew 8: 5-13

- Re-Read the Scripture for this week.
- Who is your hero?
- Did you know about the story of Jeremiah in this Bible Reading today?
- What templates do you use in your life?
- JD talked about John the Baptist and how he was unsure about Jesus and how his assumptions were shaken while he was in prison.
 - When have your “templates been rattled” like John’s?
 - How did you react to your changing paradigm?
- In his discussion of the Centurion JD asserted that the Centurion had the best template to prepare for the coming of Jesus.
 - Do you agree?
 - If not who do you think was better prepared for Jesus?
 - If so, what do you say best prepared him for Jesus?
- Ebed-melech rescued Jeremiah from the muck and darkness in the Old Testament reading this week.
 - Do you have an Ebed-melech? Someone who God used to pull you out of your “cistern”?
 - How did that person help you?
- JD encouraged us to live in the spirit of the “Unknown Soldier”. He challenged us to be praying for those we don’t know and may never meet. Even for those that we may not like.
 - How can we encourage one another in praying for the unknown soldiers in our lives?
- How will this sermon affect you? Your prayer life? Your relationships with others?