

“Presumption”

Bible Readings:

1 Kings 2: 1-4

Matthew 3: 1-12

- Re-Read the Scripture for this week.
- On what topic do you feel that you are an expert?
- When God came into our world, He didn't send someone you'd suspect. But someone far more obnoxious, someone who gets our attention, wakes us up, who is willing to stand hip deep in the waters of the Jordan river.
 - How do you announce Christ in your life?
 - Are you someone that they expect?
 - Are we afraid sometimes?
- John calls for repentance as he announces the coming of the Messiah.
 - As we celebrate Christmas, how can we be more like John the Baptist can call for repentance?
- John the Baptist tells us not to presume because of who you are that God is obligated to you! It doesn't matter how much you make, who you know, where you live, or what you wear.
 - What are your presumptions about yourself?
 - What are your presumptions about others?
 - How can we get rid of these?
- JD talks about David's advice to Solomon. How with humility would be the best way to rule. Solomon would rule for 40 years sometimes well sometimes poorly. Presumptions were his problem in those times of trouble and ultimately cause his downfall.
 - How do your presumptions affect you?
 - How do they affect your relationship with others.
- Resisting God Is a hot topic. The Bible is full of stories of His people resisting Him, even His disciples.
 - How do you resist God?
 - How can you pray to help yourself and others to stop resisting?
- JD talked about how the chaff must be removed to reveal the important kernel of wheat.
 - How is God removing the chaff in your life?
 - Pray this week that you would be willing to stop resisting and that He will refine you.