

Sermon 9/5/21

“Begging”

Bible Readings:

Psalm 146

Mark 7:24-37

As a group re-read the passages.

- Do you consider yourself:
 - A workaholic?
 - Someone who loves their job, but can walk away from it?
 - Someone who works for vacation?
 - Something else?

- How do you vacation?
 - GO! GO! GO!
 - Sit and read a book
 - Something else

- JD talked about how on vacation he and Laura were rushing through Boston to get to an Italian restaurant, however, along the way he came across what turned out to be the Holocaust Museum of Boston. He immediately slowed down and began to explore feeling a lot of emotions and being contemplative.
 - How does God tell you to slow down?
 - How has God “hit you like a brick wall” because you didn’t see it coming?

- JD talked about begging being a place that we arrive at. A place of vulnerability, dependence, need, desire, desperation, thirst, and hunger.
 - Do you find yourself there very often?
 - If you’re comfortable, share a time you had to beg, either with someone, or with God.
 - Do you realize how blessed you are when you arrive at a place you have to beg God?
 - Does it feel like a blessing? (Review the beginning of Psalm 146)

- How does it make you feel when you hear the story of the Syrophenician Woman? (Review Mark 7: 24-30)
 - Would you walk away if you were treated like that?
 - Would you agree and accept the proclamation?

- What do you tell yourself that lets you boss Jesus around?
 - Do you work hard at the rationalizations?

- This sermon teaches we are not as “big a deal” as we often think we are.
 - Will you remember who you are in the LORD?