

“Resisting Rescue”

Accompanies the 3/13/22 Sermon

Resisting Rescue: Pharisees

As a result of Lazarus' miraculous healing the gospel was proclaimed. Yet not everyone was eager to receive this goodness. The religious elite were constantly at odds with Jesus. This week our group will discuss what led them to reject him and ask the question: Is there something in us that has a propensity to do the same?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **John 11:35-12:11**

1. What in today's text do you find interesting, creates questions, or you find exciting?
2. Context often helps us have a better understanding of what was happening, why and what it means to us. What do we know about the events that occurred leading up to what happened in this text?
3. How did the Pharisees respond to Lazarus' healing? Why did they respond this way?
4. Our loyalty reveals our hearts' desires. What does their response say about their loyalty?
5. Where do you see the gospel message in today's passage?

GETTING PRACTICAL

Today's passage reveals the loyalties of the Pharisees. Their hearts were set on the things of this world. They were concerned that they would lose power, presence, and prestige. Because of this they rejected Jesus and even planned on killing him.

1. We are all at risk of rejecting what Jesus offers us for other things in this world. What did the religious leaders give their loyalty to? How did that caused them to reject Jesus?
2. What are some areas or people in your life that you can tend to give a great deal of your attention and focus too?
3. Idols are an area of life that occupies a place that should only be occupied by God. Is there anything in your life that is attracting too much of your attention, money, or energy?
4. What actions do you need to take, or attitudes do you need to change based on today's conversation?