



Stubbornness vs. Repentance

In life we can often feel “stuck in a rut” for various reasons. Sometimes life is just so overwhelming you become immobilized. Sometimes it’s just the same boring routine over and over. Sometimes you just don’t feel like moving forward. In the same way, we can find ourselves “stuck in a rut” spiritually. This series explores four words that help us to move forward in your relationship with Jesus.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
- Circle Time: On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the highest, how stubborn of a person are you?
 - Would your friends and family agree with how you rated yourself?
 - When is being stubborn a good thing? When is it a bad thing?
 - Pastor Dave taught us that stubbornness is one word that guarantees you stay stuck in life. Why is this true?
- Do you agree with this statement? “Stubbornness is a decision to feel right rather than to be right.” Why, or why not?
- As a group... summarize the story in John 11 (The resurrection of Lazarus)
 - What are the major truths about Jesus that you receive in this story?
 - What would have happened if no one was willing to roll the stone away?
 - Put yourself there. How, if at all, would witnessing this change your relationship with Jesus?
- Read John 12:1-11
 - In this passage we see several different responses from different people to the raising of Lazarus. Identify the different responses.
 - *“The religious authorities decided to kill Jesus. Jesus responded by withdrawing, before returning to Jerusalem by way of Bethany. The crowds that had wondered whether he would come for this Passover celebrated his arrival.. Mary responded as a model disciple by showing gratitude and devotion for Jesus’ love toward her family. Judas responded as a foil to Mary, offering nothing but free critique in contrast to her costly perfume. Finally, Lazarus’ own life was threatened again, showing how he too modeled discipleship.”*
 - Why did people have the responses that they had?
 - What did Judas’ stubbornness prevent him from experiencing?
- How does stubbornness prevent a person from experiencing Christ in their life?
- Is there any stubbornness in your life?