



"Greater Than"-a message series based on Hebrews

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*"Those who would rule with Him must find their lives in the same way:
"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5).
The future rulers of God's creation must, like their King, be servants
now. There will be no room for pride nor hubris, only a heartfelt desire
to extend the blessing and glory of God throughout the created order."
(Joseph Dillow – The Reign of the Servant Kings)*

In this series, we've talked about the "glory" for which we were created. We get a glimpse of it in the opening pages of Genesis and in the final Revelation of John. We were created to rule and to reign along side Jesus! But the path to greatness in the kingdom of God is a path of servant hood and perseverance. It's a path that many miss. As we dive into the most controversial text in Hebrews, I believe it is this inheritance of ruling with Christ that we are in danger of missing.

Are you ready to reign?

- Pastor Mark

Getting Beyond the ABC's
Hebrews 5:11-6:12

I'd love to dig deep...but you can't handle this...

The ABC's

2 Attitudes

2 Beliefs

2 Commitments

You May Live to Regret Your Neglect

You Were Made for More than This!!!

Understanding My Glory – My Inheritance – My Destiny
It Changes Everything!

Care Group Study Questions

Getting Beyond the ABC's

Hebrews 5:11-6:12

History (Making It Personal)

1. Remember when the kids were newborns? Maybe you are living it today – or maybe its ancient history...but can you remember the transition from milk to solid food? Any funny stories about your kids eating habits – your joys & frustrations with getting them onto solids?
2. Have you ever dealt with someone – at work or school who had “lazy ears”? They could “hear” but they didn’t “get it!” How did you respond?
3. The “abc’s” are foundational to our language – but what would you think of a teacher who never pushed your kids past the 26 letters of the alphabet? Don’t we expect our kids to move on to “readin’ & writin’?”

Digging Deeper (Looking to the Bible)

4. Compare Hebrews 5:11-14 & I Corinthians 3:1-4; 13:11; Ephesians 4:14-16; & I Peter 2:2-3. What is the legitimate need and application of spiritual “milk”? When do we move on to the “meat” of the word?
5. Talk about the ABC's suggested in the message this weekend – Attitudes (Repentance & Faith) Beliefs (Resurrection & Judgment) and Commitments (Baptism & Gifts) As you look back on your own spiritual journey – when and how did these foundational blocks get laid in your life? Are there still basics that are missing in your understanding?
6. Talk about the hardness of heart described in Hebrews 6:4-8. Have you known believers who have rebelled “beyond hope?” Read also Hebrews 10:35-36 and talk about the perseverance needed in our Christian lives. What do lukewarm Christians miss out on?
7. In Hebrews 6:9-12 the author is optimistic about these reader’s future. What do you think the “things that accompany salvation” refer to?
8. Focus for a while on the difference between our salvation and our inheritance. How secure in our salvation by grace through faith alone? Back it with scripture.
9. Now talk about our inheritance that seems to be clearly something we work for: Hebrews 12:16-17; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Colossians 3:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:12; and Revelation 3:21.
10. Read Psalm 2:8-9; Revelation 2:26; 5:10; & Matthew 16:18-19. Remember creation...What do you think our “reign” should look like?

Taking It Home (Application)

11. Are you ready to “reign”? What would change in your daily world if you began to take the authority that is yours in Christ?
12. Spend some time in discussion and pray regarding the financial letter the elders sent out this past weekend. Will you give each other permission to ask the questions suggested on the sheet?
13. Pray for our church as we listen to God in this “reFocusing” time. Pray that His direction would be clear for the future
14. Finally, Willow Park Lake Country is just a few weeks away – pray for the launch team – and for that community.