

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 15th November 2020
Sermon Title: Biblical pictures of God's family: a spiritual house
Bible Passage: 1 Peter 2: 4 - 10, Ephesians 2: 19 - 22

Recapping the Preach

Take time to read the two passages and perhaps look at a different translation

- What stood out to from either of these passages?
- We have already looked at The Bride of Christ and The Body of Christ. In what way is this picture different or similar?
- What thoughts come to mind when you think of the church family as a spiritual temple - individual living stones laid upon the Foundation Stone?
- If you could rebuild the church, what would it look like?

Stu introduced the theme, 'A spiritual house' and connected it to the practical application of foundations. Reference was made of Jesus' parable in the Sermon on the Mount of the wise and foolish builder (Matthew 7: 24 - 29)

- When you think of foundations what comes to mind?
- What lessons can you draw from Jesus' parable?

There are two things that we need to know about foundations as it relates to being a follower of Jesus and a spiritual house. The first is that in order for good foundations to be laid a certain amount of excavation needs to be done.

- What excavating did has God done in your life since you came to Christ?
- Digging excavations to lay foundations is not a one time thing but happens over a lifetime. What help has God given us to do this work?

The second thing we need to know about foundations is that there can be no other foundation for the church, the family of God, this spiritual house other than the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel (1 Corinthians 3: 10 - 11). Peter points out that we like stones being built into a spiritual house, upon the Living Stone.

- Why do you think Paul affirms this and insists so strongly that Christ and the gospel must be our only foundation?
- What does it mean to you that you are acceptable to God, deeply loved and complete in Him? How does this mindset strengthen your foundations?
- How strong do you think the foundations of KBC are? Are there areas where you think there are cracks showing in the spiritual house?
- Peter tells us that people rejected Jesus, what do you think are the reasons people reject Jesus today?

Peter gives a description of the family of God and our new identity in Christ in vs.9-10. Read those verses again.

- Taking each description in turn: what does each one mean?
- How should can we and should we live out our new identity?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?

Prayer pointers

- Pray for the church that she would be radiant.
- Pray that God would give you the grace to love His bride.
- Pray that God would make you fluent in the love languages.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>