



SUMMERFEST

Week 8

BREAKING THE ICE

What is the biggest move you have had in your life? It could be a physical move across the United States or a job move.

Who is the most humble person you know?

MAIN CONTENT

Pastor Jeff Henderson joined us today and talked about "When life overlooks you".

1. Have you ever been overlooked, not invited, rejected? Describe that experience.

What do you do when life overlooks you? Jesus told us that when we are overlooked it's an opportunity for the Lord to bless us. We can do something significant and God can write a greater story when we are overlooked.

2. Talk about a time when you have felt overlooked and God did something even greater from the experience.

The world will tell us that when we feel rejected we need to look out for ourselves. This can create some great results when we take the situation into our own hands but this is hurtful to our soul. It creates bitterness.

3. How have you taken things into your own hands? What fruit resulted from taking things into your own hands?

Another way to take control of when we feel rejected is the way of religion. The way of religion judges others for how they hurt us. This usually stems from jealousy. When we are critical of other followers of Jesus it creates bitterness and shows the rejection we have deep down in our hearts.

4. How critical are you? How helpful has that been in your life?

Read Luke 14:7-11

One of the primary criticisms of Jesus is that he loved to go to a party. Jesus saw that the guests were fighting for a place of honor at this party. They wanted to be seen, recognized and honored. Through this parable, Jesus wants to show us what it looks like to be honored when we feel dishonored from others.

5. How much do you try to earn your honor and respect?

Jesus was teaching from Proverbs 15:33. What we see in this scripture is honor and humility go together. The invitation is in the middle of the pain where there is a path of humility. Humble ourselves so God can lift us up in due time. God wants us to practice humility on a daily basis.

6. How does your life give an example of walking in humility?

When life passes us over and we feel rejected, we have two choices: Be humbled or be humble. When we aren't humble, eventually we will be humbled. In 1 Peter 5:5b we see where God favors the humble.

Humility doesn't mean you can't have big visions and dreams it means you can have a confident humility. A humility that says with God we can do this but without God it won't be what it should be. Humility fuels our dreams and visions.

7. Where do you need to invite God into your dreams and visions to have a humble outlook to accomplish what He wants to do?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus isn't against honor, He wants us to humble ourselves so we can be exalted.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for the way you love us and honor us. Please heal our hearts where we have felt rejected, unwanted, overlooked and unseen. Where we are looking for outside approval, will you show us and let us feel approval from you? Will you convict our hearts where we have judged others and tried to prove ourselves? Please show us what it means to humble ourselves and look to you. Help us trust in you for our present and future because we know you have a better way.

ACTION STEP

+ This week pray and ask God where we have harbored resentment from feeling overlooked and unseen. Ask Him to heal your heart from these moments.

+ Ask God to show you what it looks like to practice humility in your life every day. What changes do you need to make in your life to lead a more humble life?