



HERE BE DRAGONS

Week 2

BREAKING THE ICE

What is one of your fondest memories of going back to school in the fall?

What was your favorite subject in school and why?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin talked about navigating uncertainty in the second week of our "Here Be Dragons" series. Sometimes, uncertainty can come from transition or tragedy. How we navigate that uncertainty is important.

1. Talk about a time that you had to navigate uncertainty. What happened? How did you see God move in the midst of uncertainty?

When we navigate uncertainty, we can ask a lot of questions. Things like: "Who am I" and "What has God called me to do?" When we navigate uncertainty, we can start to question our identity. The world tells us to find our identity in the groups we associate with, our political stance, relational status and more. When those things change, our identity breaks and we quickly realize we don't know who we are.

2. What things make up your identity? What is helpful or harmful about where and with who you place your identity?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19 and Isaiah 43:1

God wants our identity to be in Him. When uncertainty comes and things get hard, we can stand firm in knowing whose we are. God wants to mend, restore, forgive and redeem the broken pieces of our lives. When we invite Him into that He gives us an identity in Him.

3. Talk about a time when God restored some broken pieces of your life.

Read Ruth 1:1-17

This week, Pastor Kevin told the story of Ruth. Ruth served her mother-in-law Naomi when she didn't have to. Most people would have left their in-laws after a death and tried to do something else, but Ruth wanted to serve Naomi with irrational loyalty. God gave Ruth a new identity after serving Naomi. We can find happiness by serving others in community like Ruth did.

4. How do you walk out serving others in your life? How has God filled you by how you serve others?

Pastor Kevin said, "Community is not a commodity to be consumed, it's a gift to be given".

5. How has the gift of community been beneficial in your life? How have you provided community for others?

Ruth and Naomi had community together. As we continue reading the story of Ruth and Naomi we see where Boaz becomes Ruth's kinsman redeemer (Ruth 4:13-17). He gave Ruth hope as he gave her a new identity and redeemed what was lost. As time continues, we see that Boaz and Ruth are in the genealogy of King David and Jesus. What once was a tragic story turned into redemption.

Just like Ruth was redeemed in her life, God wants the same thing for us.

6. Where do you need to see God's redemption in your life?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for picking up the broken pieces in our life and redeeming us. You know what is best for our life and you know the things we need to bring to you. Holy Spirit, please show us the broken pieces of our lives that need to be handed over. Please convict us of the things and ways we try to fix ourselves instead of bringing it to you. Help us be in the kind of community we need. Help us create community for others to feel safe and help everyone grow in their relationship with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ Pray and ask God to reveal to you the broken pieces we need to bring to Him. Pray and ask God to redeem you and heal your broken heart. Ask Him to help you be strong in the identity He has for you instead of the identity you find in other people and things.

+ Join us for One Church at 6:30 PM on August 22 at the Nashville campus (be sure to get there early!). For more details visit www.crosspoint.tv/onechurch

+ Pray and ask God if it's time to be baptized. Our next baptism service is August 27. To find out more go to www.crosspoint.tv/baptism.