



HERE BE DRAGONS

Week 4

BREAKING THE ICE

- Do you have a gift from someone, like Kevin's soccer jersey, that you don't make public? (Perhaps you're not quite a fan?)
- Ever got lost whilst hiking? Ever been walking outdoors and found yourself on a path that was unfamiliar? What did you do? Did you continue or turn back around?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, in the fourth week of our "Here Be Dragons" series, Pastor Kevin spoke about facing our doubts & fears while learning to embrace uncertainty. Life can have many twists and turns, and there may be moments where we feel unequipped to take the next step.

This message is a great reminder that God is always with us to navigate our journey. Oftentimes, God will allow detours on our journey as a way to protect us from unseen challenges that could cause potential harm. Rerouting can, at times, be a blessing in disguise. (Read Exodus 13:17-18)

1. Have you ever gone on a road trip to a new city and had to rely on GPS? Maybe it kept rerouting you and it took way longer than expected? What happened and how did you feel in the midst of the unknown?
2. Sometimes our lives can feel like a series of detours, or that we're in a season of "rerouting". If you're in one of those seasons share with the group what that feels like. Or, if you're on the other side of that season, share what you learned from your experience.

In this week's message, we learned more about Joshua being an apprentice of Moses and how he liked to linger at the tent to observe Moses' spiritual practices and be in the presence of God. In today's society with so many electronic devices, it becomes very easy to get distracted and to linger on social media apps or other online platforms, leaving us feeling anxious, busy and confused.

1. Is there a place that you like to linger? How about a person you admire and have observed their life and habits closely?
2. Have you ever desired to linger in the presence of God though? Read Psalm 27:4 and reflect as a group on whether that resonates with you.

Pastor Kevin mentioned the 'grasshopper mentality' where we tend to focus on our problems, doubts, or fears instead of the greatness of God. In this life, it is important to remember that we are never alone. God is always with us through life's ups and downs. Often though, we are consumed by fear and it prevents us from believing God is really with us. In those moments, it's helpful to remember God's faithfulness in the past.

1. Can you think of a time when God was faithful for you in the past? Describe that experience and what you felt like.
2. Is there anything currently holding you back from embracing faith in God instead of fear?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, teach us to do what you did so well - to linger in the presence of God. Help us separate from our distractions, help us to let go of our fears, and instead may we surrender everything in our lives to you. We love you God and we will trust you, by faith. Amen.

ACTION STEP

- Read Psalm 27:4 every day this week before you pray. Then spend 15 minutes in prayer, picturing yourself in the presence of God and listening for what He might say to you.
- Take some time this week to write down the times in your life where God has been faithful for you. Maybe it's answered prayers, provision in a time of need, or guidance in a difficult decision. Then keep that list somewhere you'll see it as a reminder of God's faithfulness.
- If you have believed in Jesus, but never taken the step of baptism, we would love to talk to you about baptism! Text "baptism" to 615615 and we'll start a conversation about taking this step!