

How Big is Your God? | Isaiah 44-45

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. This morning we had the opportunity to hear an amazing testimony, from the Jackson family, about how God spoke to them so clearly regarding His desire for them to serve Him in Africa. This story is only able to be shared because of their willingness to say YES to God. Have you heard God speaking to you in a similar way? What would it look like for you to say YES to God this week?
2. What was your initial response to Jakob and Kate's testimony? What do you believe this says about the current nature of your faith?
3. How big is your God? Pastor Tom suggested that if our response to the testimony shared this morning, or any other time we hear an amazing testimony of God at work here on earth, is anything other than awe and wonder, it means that our God is too small. More accurately, it means our view and understanding of God is too small. Reread Isaiah 44:6-8 and discuss what God has to say about how great He is. Is God boasting? What is God's reason(s) for declaring how great He is?
4. Isaiah 44:9-20 describes idol makers and idol worshippers. While we may not have idols made of wood or metal crafted into human form, Pastor Tom suggests that idolatry is alive and well today, even amongst believers. In what ways have you struggled with the examples of idolatry that were shared (money, power, ego)?
5. Pastor Tom stated that whatever you depend upon for meaning in life, or to which you find security and safety, that is your god. Who or what do you depend upon for meaning or purpose in your life? Where do you find your security and safety? Spend some time as a group asking God to help you to find meaning in Him. Ask Him to cause you to rely fully upon Him (the Rock) for safety and security.
6. In the story of Cyrus, at the end of chapter 44 and into chapter 45, which was written 150 years before Cyrus is even born; God proves that He is sovereign by His describing in detail exactly what He will do in and through Cyrus. What has God done in your life to show He is in control? How has He gone before you? How has He provided for you in times of need?
7. Spend some time praying that God will allow you to let go of the idol(s) in your life and seek after Him only. Thank God for His sovereignty. Thank Him for keeping you safe along the path that He marked out for you before you were even born. Thank Him for how He has provided for you to be able to fulfill His purpose for your life.