SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 19, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

"God Knows How to Rescue Us: A Rehearsal of Examples"

2 Peter 2:4-10

1. Case studies in how God knows what to do with the mess the world is in. (2 Peter 2:4-8)

2. The Lord knows how to rescue and to punish. (2 Peter 2:9-10)

Table Talk

1) Why is there no grace or provision of salvation for angels? Does it seem unfair that angels have no chance at redemption? How does this help us see the place of privilege we have? (v. 4)
2) Why was there no salvation for the ancient pre-Flood world? How is Noah described? What would we need to change in order to be called "heralds of righteousness"? (v. 5)
3) Why was there no salvation for Sodom and Gomorrah? (see also Genesis 18-19) What was God's purpose in destroying these cities? (v. 6)
4) Compare how Lot is described in Genesis 13, 14, and 19 with how he is described here in verses 7 and 8. What is similar? What is different? What distresses or torments you about living among unrighteous people? How is the mission that we have different from the mission that Lot had?
5) Verses 4-8 were all part of an "if" statement. What are the two parts of the "then" statement in verse 9? How have you experienced God rescuing the godly from trials and temptations? How is knowing that God knows how to keep the unrighteous under punishment a comfort? When we see evil triumph, how is this assurance particularly meaningful? (v. 9)
6) Who does Peter particularly mark out for being kept under punishment in verse 10? How are we seeing an increase in "the lust of defiling passion" and the "despising of authority"? Why should we be purposeful in our mission instead of pouting and complaining about such things? (v. 10)