



Preparing for Easter

Merge Group Study Guide

April 6, 2014

Sermon: Preparing for Easter: "I Will"

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Take a closer look at the following passages:

- 1) **Matthew 10:37-38:** What do these verses say about how important God is in our lives? Are we always supposed to put God first in our lives? What does it say about putting other things as more important than God?
- 2) **Psalm 46: 10:** What does this verse say about the stressors of life? Why would God basically say "calm down"? What words are so reassuring here? Who ultimately determines what happens when it comes to worshipping God?
- 3) **Malachi 1:1-11:** What does God say about how people worshipped him? What kind of worship does God look for? In your own life, do you give God your best? What kind of picture do these verses paint of God? (*Maybe we should celebrate a God that says "I WILL"*)
- 4) **John 2:19:** What was Jesus talking about in this verse? How would you describe Jesus's attitude as he said this? Are you glad as a Christ follower to be associated with that kind of power? Why?
- 5) **Daniel 4:35:** What does this verse say about who God is? Would it be possible to gather all the people in the world and live as one, and then tell God, you can't judge us? Is it possible for us to say, "I will", Yes or no. Can we promise anything? (*Share a time when you promised something and it went bad*)
- 6) **Acts 17:24-25:** In these verses Paul says; "God doesn't really need you". Why doesn't God need us? Paul also says; "But God wants you". Why does God want us?
- 7) **Acts 17:25-26:** In these verses Paul says; "God sets the time and place of your birth". Think about that. God could have let your SOUL (you) be born in the 1600's, how does that mess with your mind? God could've have let you live in Africa, but he chose you to be in this room the month of April 2014 right now. How does that mess with your mind? It goes onto ask, why does God put you in certain places for certain reason's. WHY? **"So that you would seek Him."**
- 8) **Acts 17:31:** What does this verse say about a day of judgement? Whether you believe it, whether you reach out to God, whether you think it's true, a judgment day is coming. How does that strike you? What have you done with the truth? (**God has always been 100 percent accurate with His predictions**) **He says; "I WILL."**
- 9) **1 Corinthians 4:4-5:** What do these verses say about what is going to happen with our sin? Think about your life, one day everything will be exposed. (*What goes through your mind when you hear that*)
- 10) **1 John 1:8-9:** Most of our lives we have been told we are good. We can even claim that we are good. However, what do these verses tell us about us? It goes onto say; **"that if we would just confess."**
- 11) **Acts 2:38-39:** What does the word repent mean? What are these verses telling us about having a right relationship with God? What will we receive? (**Does this not excite you?**)

Something to Think About

- 1) What place does God take in your life? Is God important to you?
- 2) What god do you need to get rid of that is taking the place of Christ?
- 3) What sin do you need to confess? (**because, God is faithful to forgive**)
- 4) If you have never been baptized, why not?
- 5) How can you encourage someone today to step closer to Christ?