

“Gut Check” “Unavoidable”

Big Idea: His Terms: Trust and Humility

Open it: What are some of the best things that happened this summer? Name three things you are looking forward to this fall?

If you could ask God for anything what would you ask Him? Before you answer that question you might want to know you are being set up. When we really know God we will discover that God works on His terms not mine. He deeply loves us and longs to bless us but He does it on His terms. There is not negotiating or discussing the terms. This fact is comforting because His nature is that he is totally for us. He enters our life and is relentless with His love. His promise and Blessing is “Unavoidable.”

Dig it: Read Genesis 12:1-4

1. The whole gospel of grace and the promise of Christ begin in these verses. How much of that do you think Abraham understood?
2. In verse 4 it says, “Abram left” what were the many implications of those simple words for Abram and his family?

Genesis 15:5-6

1. What are obstacles in Abram’s way of believing this promise?
2. In verse 6 it say his faith was “credited to Him as righteousness.” Describe what that faith looks like?

Matthew 18:1-4

1. When Jesus says they must “change” what is He pointing them to?

Reflect on it:

1. Think through the gospels and all the people that were healed, all the ones whose lives changed etc.. Was there anyone who you would label as “self sufficient?” What does that say to you?
2. Describe how we (you) try to bring God to the negotiating table and have God accept our terms?
3. Do we want “things from God” or do we want “God?” What is the difference?
4. Where do you find yourself most of the time at the negotiating table or at His feet?

Do it:

1. Pray as a group that all of us would grow in our love for Him.
2. Pray that we would grow in our trust in His goodness.
3. Pray that we would “change” and become humble in our walk with Him.