

- 7) What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our advocate and Jesus' representative? What does this passage say the Holy Spirit's job is?
- 8) How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, and in what ways does He teach or remind you of Jesus' words?
- 9) In what areas of your life do you need to let go of control and trust the Holy Spirit to lead you, especially when you feel uncertain?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Think and pray through the following:

- 1) Are there things you can bring to Jesus that are weighing heavily today on you or others you know?
- 2) How can you cultivate greater awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- 3) Who do you need to encourage today towards Jesus with your words?

Instruction in the Face of Uncertainty

Pastor Craig Sweeney | October 6, 2024

Text: *"Be still, and know that I am God!..."* **Psalm 46:10 NLT**

Thread: When we face uncertainty, our strongest faith can emerge.

"Be still..."

What causes you to pull out the Worry Stone?

"and..."

- "Being still" is not the goal...
- "Being still" is a trust/faith response to what you know.

"...know that I am God."

- What you know matters.
 - The truth about where this story is going.

"Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded...He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready."

Luke 12:35 – 38 NLT

"The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. He said, 'A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.' But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.'" Luke 19:11 – 14 NLT

- **What you know matters.**
- **Who and what people want is not a factor; Jesus is The King.**

"One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, 'When will the Kingdom of God come?' Jesus replied, 'The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you.' Then he said to his disciples,

‘The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it. People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation. When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all. And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building—until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. Yes, it will be ‘business as usual’ right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed...If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it. That night two people will be asleep in one bed; one will be taken, the other left.’” Luke 17:20 – 34 NLT

- **Who you know matters.**

- When you know WHO the hero is—YOU know WHO to look for.

What does FAITH look like?

1. We know who we are in the story.
2. We know what we are doing.
3. We have permission to enjoy life abundantly.

Challenge:

- What causes you to pull out the Worry Stone?
- How can you think differently about the headlines?
- How will you be better prepared for the coming of Jesus?

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Life Group Homework

Uncertain

Fall 2024 | Week 4

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MY STORY



- 1) What miracle in the Bible amazes you the most, and why?
- 2) Would you rather swim in the ocean or at the hotel pool, and why?

QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Psalm 46:1-3 (NLT)

God is our refuge and strength,

always ready to help in times of trouble.

2 So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

3 Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

- 4) How do we recognize God as our refuge and strength in the current situations of the world?
- 5) How can you cultivate a sense of peace and stability in your life, even when everything around you feels chaotic?
- 6) In what ways can I support others who are also facing trouble, reflecting the refuge and strength I find in God?

John 14:26-27 (NLT)

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.