

What We Trade Away (2020)



Week Four: Adventure for Apathy

Overview

Have you ever made a bad trade? All of us have at some point. Maybe we gave away a car that we wish we would have held on to. Maybe when you were a kid, you traded away a baseball card that would have been worth a lot of money now. But what about trading away things of much greater value? Things such as our integrity, or our commitment, perhaps even a life of adventure for one of apathy? We make these trades all the time, though they may be a little more subtle. Over time, if we don't recenter ourselves – we can lose all of the good things, and only be left with the hollow shell of what we traded it for.

This week, we looked at trading adventure for apathy. We can make this trade our whole lives, often without ever realizing it. When we make this trade, we're giving away the life of mission and calling that God has laid out for us for a life that simply lets the world pass by around us. We can end up living as "dead" people, rather than people who are fully alive. As Dean mentioned, the same can be true for churches. May you, and may we as a church, become people who are fully alive by choosing the adventure that God has set out for us – and trusting that he's with us every step of the way.

Reading and Discussion

1. As you begin this session, ask your group to share one of the biggest adventures they've ever been on. Maybe it was a trip, or a career change, or parenting for the first time, etc.
2. **Read Numbers 14:1-10.** What made Joshua and Caleb so confident that they could take the promised land, despite the challenge ahead of them? What provided them with confidence and trust for their "adventure?"
3. Think of the time in your life in which you've said no to adventure out of fear, or apathy. Share one of those times with the group, if you feel comfortable. How might that story have played out differently if you had approached the situation with the same confidence in God that Caleb and Joshua displayed?
4. Is there a space in your life currently in which you may be choosing apathy over adventure? Or have you recently decided to trust God with a new adventure? Share if you feel comfortable.

5. As you close this session spend some time in prayer for the members of your group. Pray that they would develop the same trust and confidence in God's presence with them as Caleb and Joshua. Pray that they would carry that confidence and trust into the adventures that God calls them on.