



COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES + QUESTIONS

TAKE COURAGE | OCTOBER 11, 2020 | JOHN 16:25-33
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INTRODUCTION

Icebreaker: If you were the disciples and Jesus had just told you that He was leaving and life was about to get rough but to Take Courage, what would your first thoughts/reactions be?

What are some of worldly things where you have seen people placing their trust?

What are some things that you frequently trust outside of your faith? Would you be able to diagnosis yourself with misplaced trust? If so, how?

How do your “desires and hope in other things prove that your faith isn’t in God like we think it is” (Kyle Judkins)?

Have you ever found it helpful when you were afraid for someone to just say “don’t be scared”? The Disciples proclaimed belief in John 16:30, how do you think that this influenced their ability to receive Jesus’ words in the remainder of the passage (John 16:31-33)?

"Where is our hope found? The answer is Christ...The only way you can get through those situations is with Christ. You can turn to the other things of this world but they are going to leave you as empty as when you found them"

Kyle Judkins

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JOHN MACARTHUR

"It's one thing to know God loves you, but it's another to know He actually likes you"

**3 PROMISES THAT WILL
HELP US TAKE COURAGE**

When Jesus gives us promises they are trustworthy because God will never have a change of heart, and he is always in control - people aren't.

What has helped you when you have doubted any of God's promises?

We are loved by God

When you think of God's love for you, do you think He only loves you because He is obligated? What makes it difficult for you to believe in God's deep affection for you? How does John 16:27 (& other verses*) help you to understand God's love for you?

**1 John 4:8, Romans 5:8, 8:37-39, Isaiah 54:10, Zephaniah 3:17, 1 John 3:1, etc*

We are in God's care

Exodus 13:21-22 - Just as the Israelites were, we are in God's care because we are his chosen people (1 Peter 2:9).

How have you felt God's care in your life? How does reflecting on those moments help you to take courage?

Matthew 14:22-26 & Mark 6:45-56 describe Peter's experience walking on water toward Jesus - Jesus tells the disciples to "take courage, it is I" as he approaches the boat.

How have you experienced God's faithfulness in your times of faithlessness? In Peter's desperation, he recognized that only Jesus could save him, why does it often take desperation for us to abandon hope in the world and begin placing it in Jesus?

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3 PROMISES CONT.

We have a Future Glory to Look Forward to (Romans 8:18)

How does the idea that trials and tribulations are only temporary change your perspective on what you may be struggling with right now? (Revelation 21:1-5)

What fear do you have that paralyzes you just by the thought of it (Kyle's fear of a health crisis)? How does 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 help to empower you as you think about living without fear?

***"This sinful world is not our home.
Our faith will soon be our sight"***

Kyle Judkins

CONCLUSION

How does knowing these promises help you to Take Courage when trials and tribulations come? When the worst things imaginable happen in your life how does trusting in these promises keep you going?

In what ways does having this radical hope give you the courage to promote the Gospel?

The Spirit of the Living God is living inside us as our helper - Share about a time in which you demonstrated a courage that only could be explained by this truth.

“But when Jesus says 'don't be afraid', 'take courage'; we should really listen and pay attention because He actually has power over the situation”

Kyle Judkins.