

Avoiding Snakes and Snares: Learning from Failing

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

- a. Summary
- b. Wisdom: Learning from the Mistakes of Others

II. Don't Turn your Mouth Against God

- a. Numbers 11:1-9
- b. Two types of Complaining
- c. What is the Difference?

III. Don't Turn your Ears to the Wrong People

- a. The rabble will come
- b. Christian Hope vs Optimism
- c. Who is influencing the way you perceive the world?

IV. Don't Turn the Eyes of your Heart away from God

- a. On overcoming snakes

V. Conclusion: What you can control

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. If you could go back and change one poor decision in your life, what would it be and why?
2. What do you think is the most important lesson in life you have learned through someone else's hardship or failure?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read Numbers 11:1-9. What stands out to you from this passage?
2. There is a type of complaining that is okay and there is a type of complaining that is not okay. What do you think are signs that complaining becomes sinful/rebellious against God?
3. Out of the 3 common mistakes that Moses exemplified, which one do you most identify with and how do you think this tendency has impacted your life?
4. When did God's grace for you in Jesus Christ become a life-changing reality?
5. How can we cultivate a heart of sincere gratitude?
6. Who are the major influencers on how you perceive and view the world?
7. What changes could you make that would help you feed your mind that which is true, honorable, just, pure, and pleasing?
8. What things would you like to control but can't? How much do you worry about these things?
9. How did God speak to you through the message?
10. How can we pray for one another?