Saturday & Sunday — May 19 & 20, 2018

Believe

The number one foe of the church is UNBELIEF.

Hebrews 3:12-14 (ESV) *12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*

The Symptoms of Unbelief...

- An evil and unbelieving heart.
- Unbelief and falling away usually manifests itself as a progressive withdrawal from the presence of God.
  - First, there is DOUBT.
  - Followed by FEAR.
  - Next is PRIDE.
  - And then, there is ISOLATION.

The Cure for Unbelief...

- HOLD FIRM to the Gospel.
- The COMMUNITY of BELIEF.
  Verse 13 says "exhort one another." We are created for community, a life of isolation is miserable.

  Two reasons you need community...

  1) Community BREAKS THROUGH sin's deception.

  2) Community SPURS us on to remember Christ is BEST.

Additional Notes:

scriptures that relate

Monday: Hebrews 3
Tuesday: Hebrews 4
Wednesday: Numbers 13
Thursday: Numbers 14
Friday: Psalm 95
Saturday: Psalm 96

small groups—talk it over

1. What is the most important thing to do to move from knowing what to do and following through?
2. Share some struggles with unbelief.
3. What does it mean to you to hold firm to the Gospel?
4. Why is community so important in moving forward in your walk with God?
5. How do you remember best that Christ is always better?

nikki nielsen's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for an awareness of God's leading as our team plans future weekend services.

Tuesday: Pray that we spend time with Jesus each day so we can worship God on the weekends.

Wednesday: Pray that more musicians will join our congregation so that our team can grow.

Thursday: Pray for good health for our weekend volunteers.

Friday: Pray for a good day of rest.

Saturday: Pray that our congregation is aware of the Holy Spirit's presence during our services.