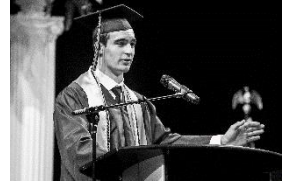


Sunday AM Sermon – November 27, 2022

Why Isn't Life Fair?

Ecclesiastes 8:11-9:1



Bobby cheated in high school. So when he was recognized as valedictorian, the head of his class, Tammy was distraught. She had worked very hard, and did it all honestly, to be salutatorian, *second* in class. How could God allow such unfairness to happen?



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words:

(Un)fair(ness) –

Choice(s) –

Consequences –

2. Who does God bless with warm sun and nourishing rain?

3. How do we often react to the unfairness of life?

4. What are some examples of unfair circumstances in life?

5. Reason #1: _____ are not always _____ (11-13)

6. Why didn't Adam and Eve immediately fall dead when they ate from the tree of knowledge?

7. What tends to happen when wrong is not immediately punished?

8. Why does God not panic when consequences are not instant?

9. Reason #2: We are not _____ at keeping _____ (14-15)

10. What can you not do if you are grading God on a fairness scorecard?

11. Why are we unable to measure fairness accurately?

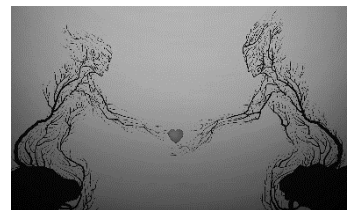
12. Reason #3: In a _____ world, some things will remain a _____ (16-9:1)

13. What has permeated all of God's originally very good creation?

14. What was Job's reaction when God confounded him with the mysteries of life?

15. What does Psalm 103 remind us?

16. Rather than fairness and justice, what should we want for ourselves?



Faith Talk, Faith Walk

Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon

Faith Talk: Imagine you are answering a friend. Explain in your own words why life isn't fair.

Faith Walk: Stand for justice, but when life is unfair, ask God for mercy to accept the unfairness with grace.

If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless you!

Next Sunday AM Sermon – How Can My Life be Different? (Ecclesiastes 9:2-12)