

Week 9:

God Goes Ahead of Us



Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. What keeps us from focusing on God's preparation and power? Why do you think we need to remove the obstacles instead of trusting in God's plan and ability?
3. Read Deuteronomy 1:28-33 and Deuteronomy 31:5-6. Share a time when you experienced God working ahead of a challenging circumstance, but you only realized God's preparation later. How did that impact your faith?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-7. Who has God been preparing for you to reach? How are you seeing God at work in you? If someone doesn't come to mind, pray specifically for God to help you know His will and direction.
5. Our focus should be our God who prepares the way, removes obstacles, and does the heavy lifting. Which of those three do you need God to do the most in your life right now?
6. Who was the one person who reached out to share Jesus with you? What was it that they did or said that made you want to develop your own relationship with Jesus? How can you be that for someone else, to bring hope to their life?
7. What does God want you to do in response to this week's sermon?

Scripture References

Philippians 1:6, Philippians 2:12-13, Exodus 13:17-22, Deuteronomy 1:28-33, Deuteronomy 31:5-6

Isaiah 40:3-5, Isaiah 43:14-20, Isaiah 45:1-3, Mark 1:1-4, Acts 10:28-33, 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Takeaways

God's preparing the way long before we get there.

Our focus should be our God who: prepares the way, removes the obstacles and does the heavy lifting.

God Prepares the Way Because:

1. Only He is capable of orchestrating times, places, people and nations on a masterful scale.
2. Only He is capable of changing the heart.
3. Then our job is to simply follow Him rather than trying to manipulate our own world.