



Better (Hebrews)

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Opener

Pete said, “The passionate pursuit of popularity is an adolescent pastime.” What are some thoughts that you have about this statement?

Read

Hebrews 13:9-14

Numbers 5:1-3

Numbers 15:35

Deuteronomy 23:12

Hebrews 11:26

Engaging with God in a Group

Do you remember who was voted “most popular” in your senior class in high school? Though we may not chase after popularity like we did when we were younger, we may be afraid of losing the popularity that we have. When was the last time you experienced a situation in which you might have lost your standing with the “in crowd” (at work, with your peers, with your family, etc.) because chose Jesus? How does the desire for popularity still dictate or influence your behavior?

In Hebrews 13:9, we are admonished not to follow any teaching that distracts you from Christ and reminded that it is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace. Rules don’t strengthen our hearts, grace does! How have you experienced this in your life?

In Numbers 5:1-3, Numbers 15:35, and Deuteronomy 23:12, what was declared to belong “outside the camp?”

Read Hebrews 13:12. Where was Jesus crucified?

Normally, everything outside the camp is unholy. Because of Jesus, everything is reversed. You must leave the camp to find holiness! The presence of Jesus makes unholy places, holy. The presence of Jesus makes unholy people, holy. How does that last statement sit with you? What does it mean for you personally?

Engaging with God Alone

Throughout this message, Pete said, "I'd rather be "out" with Jesus than "in" without him." What would it look like for you to live your daily life with the belief that he's better than any acceptance you could receive from anyone and anywhere else?

Closing thoughts and prayer

Read John 10:10. Life with Christ is better. It is better to be "out" with Jesus than "in" without him.

Spend a few moments in prayer. Ask the Spirit to reveal any areas where you are not fully convinced that he's better than anyone and anything else in your life.