

“God’s Chosen Treasure”

1. Intro

- a. WELCOME TO TEEN RETREAT
- b. Highlights...with pictures...115 teens
- c. Genesis 1...awesome lesson by Josh= worth is in God and not production.
 - i. And then Maranda and Dom= practical’s on creating space
- d. Today we’ll look at how God created space for us to be with him
- e. Pray

2. The PRICE.... creating space like this isn’t free

- a. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
 - i. FLEE from sin...what does that look like?
 1. Home alone EXAMPLE
 - a. Look left at an empty door and sure you see Pic 1
 2. What do you do? Pic 2
 - a. You turn into an Olympic sprinter, take steps 3 at a time and dive into bed before you get got
 3. THAT IS FLEEING and our call for sin
 - a. Not how close you can get
 - b. Not staying there looking.....
 - c. Examples...GET OUT OF THERE!!
 - d. Sometimes we just need to get out of there
 - i. Away from the certain people or situations
 - ii. Stop flirting with death!
 - iii. If tired then persevere---promised the crown of life if you do
 1. Don’t give up!

ii. Why Does God care so much if we flee? VS 20

iii. You were bought at a price! You aren't your own

1. Ok so everyone can go ahead and take a group CRINGE at that

a. Everyone's least favorite thing to hear...

i. BUT IM GROWN, I'm strong, independent and capable of choosing my life. I never asked to be paid for

b. Teens you don't even like being told what to do when it's helpful

i. Don't forget your jacket, its going to be chilly!

1. Say, im ok thank you but you THINK: How about you worry about YOUR jacket, I'LL be fine...im GROWN

2. Focusing on the wrong thing...missing the whole point

a. What is this price, who paid it, and why??

b. Isaiah 53...

i. This was the price of our freedom

1. Our pain, our suffering, our sin....his death

ii. A man familiar with suffering and marred beyond recognition

a. So beaten and bruised and bloody... what animal was crucified

iii. Romans...Wages of sin is DEATH...We owed a life debt

1. All of our guilt stood before us and we were caught red handed

2. Perfect blood is only thing powerful enough to forgive sins

- iv. Jesus did it when you were at your lowest/ugliest/worst,
 - 1. When you were powerless, ungodly, sinners, and enemies to him
 - 2. Yet Jesus brutally died for you and paid your debt

- v. Even with that objective truth, God sees us as

3. The Prize...1 Peter 2:9-10

- i. Royalty
- ii. Holy
- iii. His people
- iv. Clean
- v. His special possession...
 - 1. That old raggedy sweater that you patched and love
 - 2. Show Dads picture book gift

- vi. Chose us to be his...What would cause him to choose us knowing the sacrifice

b. Matthew 13: 44-46...

- i. Recap Keenan's message and make obvious points
 - 1. Some of the best teachings are from your personal life

- ii. I wonder if this was Jesus speaking from his own life/experience
 - 1. Parable of the Treasure from Jesus' POV
 - 2. Jesus...
 - a. That's the same Joy I felt! And feel

- iii. Did it because
 - 1. You are holy and precious and honored in his sight.
 - 2. You are wonderfully made, breathtaking

3. God wanted to be with YOU
4. You are WORTH it, worth any cost...
 - a. maybe others disagree but you are his special possession
5. God's love for us BIGGER than all sacrifice and cost

iv. God made you and sees YOU

1. You are COMPLETELY known and COMPLETELY Loved
2. Was willing to sacrifice it all so you could join him and be with him.
3. So you could be HIS treasured possession

4. The PROMISE...

a. Hebrews 3:15-4:2...

i. Promise still stands!

1. Entering Gods rest
2. Offered to anyone who will believe and obey

ii. It is a ticket already bought

1. Will you create a space for God in your hearts/life?

iii. OR will you rebel? You disobey? You not believe?

1. Will your hearts be hard
2. Message they heard was of no value to them, because they did combine it with faith and obedience

iv. There are a lot of traps to fall into

1. Looking the part
2. Say the right answers
3. Fear of what you're missing
4. Getting peoples approval

v. Simply respond to Gods love

1. Its only about the relationship

vi. Love backpacking...Water filtration is part of it

1. Message, cool/crisp water can be ours

2. Some is not super clean...must believe

3. Teens, it's up to you if this weekend will have value...

a. It's up to you if the message, church, GG.....Where is your heart???

b. Remember the price, you are the prize, so enjoy the promise

5. Communion:

a. 1 Cor 15:54

i. God created space a way THROUGH Jesus blood....

1. Space where there is no fear...of death, sin or evil

b. Jesus won the victory

i. Approach the throne with confidence

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What temptations have you been battling and what does it look like to flee from them?
2. Read Isaiah 52:14-53:7. Reflect on the price that Jesus paid for our sins. Share your thoughts on the passage and discuss how this price should affect your life.
3. With the perspective that we are Jesus' "Treasure in the field", read Matthew 13: 44-46. Do you feel like that Special Possession, chosen by God? Why or why not? What stops you from feeling God's love?
4. Read Hebrews 4:1-2. Do you think about the promise we have? The gift of entering God's rest when we die! Why or why not?

5. End with “popcorn” style sharing about each other. Use this time to encourage one another so all of us can see the treasure that God sees in us.