RHYTHMS OF REST

May 29, 2022

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Mark 10:32-45
- Hebrews 3:7-19; 4:1-13
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- 2 Peter 3:8
- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- <u>Hebrews 13:15</u>
- Romans 12:1
- Matthew 10:38-39
- Matthew 11:28-30

KEY POINTS

- As a result of the Hebrew people's hard-hearted rebellious unbelief in the good news, they did not enter God's promise of rest in the land.
- Today, God calls us to believe the Good News and strive to enter His rest.
- Today's Sabbath-rest is a faith-based spiritual position of the entire self, surrendered in relentless loyalty to the will of God, flowing from the finished work of Jesus Christ.
- The future Kingdom that will be established has already begun in the hearts of those who put their trust in Jesus and are indwelled by the Holy Spirit.
- The Lord of the Sabbath dwells within us. We are Kingdom people, people of faith. Our identity is in Jesus the Messiah, resting peacefully in His finished work.
- Sabbath rest in Jesus distinguishes us as His holy people.
- Some scholars believe Peter is making a connection between the seventh day Sabbath and the Millennial reign of Jesus in 2 Peter 3:8.
- Resting in Jesus allows Him to work in us so that we can move in unity with Him;
 He will accomplish His will in this broken world through us.
- True Sabbath observance is resting in the finished work of Christ, having our sins forgiven, being dead to self, and living the resurrection life in Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How are the 10 commandments useful today?
- 2. As royal priests, which sacrifices do we offer daily to God?
- 3. What are some things that are disturbing your rest in Christ?
- 4. What does holy rest mean to you?
- 5. What does it look like to strive for rest?