



Jesus and The One

Week 1: Jesus and Hagar | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 2.4.2024

Opener

Have you ever felt like you *needed* to say something to a stranger? If so, what was it and how did you respond to that feeling?

Read

Genesis 16:1-15; Zephaniah 3:17; Jeremiah 29:11; John 6:46; Colossians 1:15;

Main Points

1. Hagar is not merely a footnote in the story of Abraham and Sarah, she's a central stage character who experiences God's grace.
2. The phrase, "the angel of the Lord," appears about 48 times in the Old Testament, and most scholars agree that it's actually a Christophany - the appearance of the pre-incarnate Jesus!
 - a. God the Father and God the Spirit are invisible, but Jesus is the image, the visible form of God himself.
3. God often asks questions to which he already knows the answer - in the garden, God asked Adam where he was, in Luke 24, Jesus asks the two disciples on the road to Emmaus what they're talking about..
 - a. Jesus, in the questions he asks, is inviting us into a relationship, a conversation because voicing our pain is where healing begins.
4. Hagar knows her past, but she doesn't know her future. Jesus knows both her past and he has a plan for her future!

Engage with God in a Group

- When was the last time you were in a place where you felt trapped, like you had nowhere else to go?
- What is your experience with Jesus in that space?
- How would you respond if Jesus were to ask you, "where have you come from and where are you going?"
- What does it mean to you that Jesus now shows up in others' lives through his presence in the Church (all those who believe)?
- Who has God put in your life that he wants to pursue through you? Will you let him?

Bottom Line

Jesus sees the unseen and hears the unheard.