

w/b 11th February 2018 LIFE APPLICATION

THEME: HALLMARKS OF A HEROIC CHRISTIAN

PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 14:1-13, GALATIANS 6:9-10

This week's study in remembrance of Eric Beaumont looks at 4 hallmarks or qualities of the heroic Christian. It's important as believers to look at the noble qualities of our brothers and sisters in Christ and imitate them.

LAUNCH

Who is your hero and why? (No biblical answers allowed)

LOYALTY

Read 1 Samuel 14:1-13

Look at the 3 main characters in this passage (Saul, Jonathan and the armour bearer). What do we learn about them? What qualities do we want to imitate and what weaknesses do we want to avoid?

What do we learn about God from this passage?

What is especially refreshing about Jonathan's attitude? What should we learn and how can we apply it to our daily lives? What are the risks of having such an attitude for Jonathan and for us?

The armour bearer impresses us with his loyalty. Why is loyalty important in the Christian life? Do you agree that those who are not under authority in the church will not bear long term fruit? If so why not?

Loyalty in the church should never be unconditional or unquestioning. Why?

HARD WORK

Read Galatians 6:9-10

In what sort of key areas does God call you to 'do good'?

What are some of the symptoms that we are getting tired of doing good?

How can we as believers prevent this from happening?

What sort of harvest is Paul talking about and when will it be ready?

Are there any new areas of doing good that the Holy Spirit is prompting you towards?

ENCOURAGEMENT

Acts 4:36-37

A word of encouragement can energise someone for the rest of the day.

Do you agree?

What is it about us or our culture that prevents us from encouraging others?

In what ways or areas could you be more encouraging?

FINISHING STRONG

2 Timothy 4:7-8

In what ways is the Christian life similar to a boxing match or a marathon?

What key principles do we learn from these 2 illustrations?

APPLICATION

Pray for one another in these key areas of loyalty, hard work, encouragement and finishing strong