

"Jesus is Our Rest-Part 1" Sermon Date: November 27th, 2022

Reflections on Sunday's Sermon

The New City Catechism—Lord's Day 48

What is the Church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Scripture

Hebrews 4:1-5 (ESV)

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵ And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

Understanding and Applying

1.	Theme: What is the overarching theme of the passage (consider the context: historical, audience, surrounding texts)?
2.	Doctrine/Truth: What are some truths, promises, or works of God that are being expressed in the passage?
3.	Jesus: How does the passage ultimately point to Christ—His person, His work, or the salvation that He has secured for His people?
4.	Exhortation: Are there any admonishments and why does God urge the church in this way?
5.	Personal: How does the exhortation challenge your responsibility towards the community of saints?
6.	Prayer: To close, how might the passage shape your prayers?