



Sermon Growth Guide

March 2, 2025

Never Give Up - Hebrews 12:25-29

Key Verse: Hebrews 12:28

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.”

Big Idea: This life is unstable, but we belong to an unshakable Kingdom, so let us worship with reverence and awe!

Foundations

As we wrap up our “God’s Mission has a Church” series, we have a moment in Hebrews 12:25-29 to reflect on the temporary and “shaky” nature of this world and the “unshakable” kingdom to which we ultimately belong. We know that this world began with a miraculous act of creation but soon moved to a “fallen” state. It is through Christ’s reconciling work that we are carried towards Redemption and receive a promise of full Restoration. That restoration is the coming Kingdom of God, a promise on which we can firmly stand.

The proper response to the news of Christ’s reconciling work and the coming kingdom is worship. In the face of unstable ground, storms of life, brokenness and pain, we stand firm on the promises of the Lord, and re-orient ourselves through worship. May we be a people who are not quick to give up our faith, but are renewed through passionate, authentic, and full worship individually and corporately!

Understanding God’s Word

Read Hebrews 12:25-29 together. Verse 25 warns us not to “refuse him who speaks.” How do we sometimes ignore or resist God’s voice in our lives today?

The passage contrasts “what can be shaken” with “what cannot be shaken.” What are some shaky foundations we tend to trust in rather than God?

The sermon spoke of the grand salvation narrative (Creation – Fall – Redemption – Restoration). How does knowing where we are in God’s story impact our faith?

Applying God’s Word

What are some practical ways we can encourage each other to remain faithful during life’s “shaky” seasons? The early church has faced many challenges, yet it has remained unshakable.

How can we learn from past generations of believers? How does worshiping together with other Christians help us stand firm in our faith?

Witnessing God’s Word

The hymn, “It Is Well with My Soul,” was composed out of tragedy. How might we demonstrate faith and peace to those around us, even in hardship?

How can we help people who feel like their world is shaking find stability in Christ?

The sermon concluded with a call to “never give up.” Who in your life needs encouragement to keep running the race of faith, and how can you be that encouragement?