

## A CHARGE TO THE CHURCH:

### BE AUTHENTIC.



#### **PASTOR'S NOTES – 5. 14. 2017**

#### ***Superior Life in Christ –***

#### **THE AUTHENTIC LIFE OF FAITH**

**HEBREWS 6:11,12 MARK 3: 1-6**

#### **THIS WEEK'S OVERLYING PRINCIPLES**

***- Hebrews 6 charges us as God's people to be authentic and genuine followers of Christ.***

***- We are charged to follow after faithful people who have gone before us who also have lived authentic lives in Christ***

***- Sometimes those faithful people have gone before us generations ahead; sometimes those people are right here among us.***

***- We ought to strive to become more and more authentic as we deepen our lives in Christ – as we deepen our understanding of who God is.***

***- As we walk more deeply in Authentic Faith, we learn to take hold of the great promises of Life and Freedom which God and His Word offers us to walk within.***

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### ***The Authentic Life of Faith***

#### **I. A Definition from Hebrews 6:11,12.**

- Diligent in \_\_\_\_\_ - to the very end
- Full of \_\_\_\_\_
- Willing to \_\_\_\_\_
- Faithful to \_\_\_\_\_
- Patient to \_\_\_\_\_

**The objective: Heb. 6:12 – That we may inherit the promise**

#### **II. 5 Realities of Authentic Faith From Hebrews 6: 11, 12**

- Authentic Faith is Good Life
- Authentic Faith is Worshipful and God-Centered
- Authentic Faith is Freedom and Healing
- Authentic Faith is On-Going Growth and Maturity
- Authentic Faith is Promise - Filled

#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. What did you learn about God in this passage?
  2. What did you learn about yourself in this passage?
  3. What principles on authentic faith stand out to you as a challenge?
  4. In what areas do you see growth in your spiritual life? In which of the realities do you see a need to grow? What are some ways to develop discipline in your life to achieve growth in that area?
  5. What specific steps would help lead you to a deeper authenticity, a growing confidence in Christ, a life fully taking hold of God's great promises?
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