



Guest Speaker - Dwayne Cline - Ropes & Rags

We are excited to have Dwayne Cline with us. Dwayne serves as the Lead Pastor at Hughson Street Baptist Church, in the North End of Hamilton where he lives with his family.

Scripture: Jeremiah 38:1-13

Discussion Questions

[Read Jeremiah 38:1-13](#)

1. Contrast the characters and actions of the King and of Ebed-Melech.
2. What are some of the risks that Ebed-Melech took in advocating for Jeremiah?
3. Ebed-Melech used both ropes and rags. The ropes were needed to pull Jeremiah out (logistics) and the rags were needed so Jeremiah could avoid being hurt or scarred by the ropes (compassion). Think of some ways the church (in general) can be imbalanced and be either too concerned with the logistics - so we get things done but people may not be well cared for or we are compassionate but don't get much done (i.e. we are concerned that people aren't fed but then don't feed them).
4. How do we work up the courage to advocate like Ebed-Melech did? Can you think of a situation where you should have advocated and didn't? Can you think of a couple of situations that could use your advocacy now?
5. How do we individually serve with ropes and rags? How do we be mindful of both the logistics needed and act compassionately?
6. How do we corporately serve with ropes and rags?