The Unshakeable Kingdom
Hebrews 12:18-29

Getting Started

- **Storm Stories:** What is the most intense thunderstorm or natural storm you have ever experienced, and how did you react in the moment?

- **First Impressions:** Growing up, what was your initial perception or mental picture of God (e.g., a stern judge, a distant observer, a loving parent)?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. Sinai's Terrifying Holiness (v.18-21)
2. Zion: Grace-Filled Welcome (v.22-24)
3. Steadfast Amid Shaking (v.25-29)

TT: Through Christ, our unapproachable God is approachable.

Digging Deeper **(Read the sermon text again and discuss the following questions.)**

1. Sinai's Terrifying Holiness (Hebrews 12:18–21)

- How does the sermon describe Mount Sinai, and why was God's presence so terrifying to the Israelites and even to Moses?

- The sermon uses the illustration of standing on a rocket launch pad to explain God's holiness. How does this help us understand why an unshielded God is lethal to sinful humanity without relying on the idea that God is simply "mean"?

2. Zion's Grace-Filled Welcome (Hebrews 12:22–24)

- Contrast the atmosphere and descriptions of Mount Sinai with those of Mount Zion. What key differences stand out to you between these two mountains?

- The passage notes that Jesus' blood "speaks a better word than the blood of Abel" (v. 24). What did Abel's blood cry out for, and what does Jesus' blood cry out for on our behalf?

3. Steadfast Amid Shaking (Hebrews 12:25–29)

- According to verses 26–27, why does God shake creation? What is the ultimate purpose of this shaking?

- Verse 29 ends with the declaration: *"For our God is a consuming fire."* How does the gospel change the way believers experience God as a "consuming fire" compared to those standing at Mount Sinai?

Apply It!

- **Sinai vs. Zion Living:** In what areas of your daily life do you find yourself accidentally living under the "shadows of Sinai" (trying to perform or earn God's favor out of fear) rather than resting in the "grace of Zion"?

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- **Identifying Shaky Foundations:** The sermon mentions how easy it is to anchor our identity in things that can be shaken (e.g., finances, health, reputation, social media approval). Where have you felt the "shaking" in your life recently, and how can you re-anchor your heart to the unshakeable Kingdom?

- **Approaching God in Worship:** Knowing that through Christ, our unapproachable God is approachable, how does this reality change your personal prayer life and how you enter corporate worship each week—balancing bold intimacy with reverence and awe?