

Sermon Overview CEFC

November 19, 2023

Title: Truth

Passage: John 8:30-59

Introduction

Series Purpose: What we _____ about JESUS is still a matter of _____ and _____.

Problem: When we live a lie long enough the _____ can seem _____.

Question: What should we do when Jesus' words seem _____, _____, _____, or just plain _____?

Main Point: When Jesus' words don't _____ in our lives, either our lives must _____, or we must _____ Jesus' words.

Adjusting to the Truth

We should adjust our lives to fit how Jesus' defines our _____.

Truth: Any freedom we seek apart from Jesus will end in our _____.

We should adjust our lives to fit how Jesus' defines our _____.

Truth: Any identity we assume apart from Jesus will ultimately _____.

We should adjust our lives to fit how Jesus' defines our _____.

Truth: Any use of our present moment apart from Jesus is _____.

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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Main Point: When Jesus' words don't fit our lives, either our lives must change or we must reject Jesus words.

1. Read John 8:30-59 as a group. What stands out to you?
2. Why are some of the things Jesus said so hard for us to make room for our lives. Why do they sometimes seem unreasonable, unpopular, offensive or just plain untruthful? For example, how does the manner in which Jesus says we should treat our enemies or view our possessions sound to our ears and why?
3. Pick a freedom that is promoted and embraced in our culture (sexual, speech, financial, choice, etc.). What would it look like to look at that freedom through the lens of our freedom from the tyranny of sin and the freedom to do the right thing?
4. Come up with a list of some of the identities folks in your group have assumed or have been placed on them (child, parent, neighbor, American, etc.). How should our identity as sons and daughters of God change the way we live out some of those other identities.
5. Why do you think it is so hard for us to view our present moment in the light of eternity? How might that new lens change the way we live in the present?
6. Of the three adjustments to His word that Jesus talked about (freedom, identity, and the present moment) which is the most challenging for you in terms of making room for Jesus' word in your life and why?