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SERMON 2 When Purpose is Lost DISCUSSION GUIDE

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KEY TRUTH

Drift rarely happens through rebellion—it happens when Christ is slowly replaced by comfort, routine, or preference. Jesus lovingly calls His church back to Himself.

OPENING QUESTION

- Have you ever drifted from something important without realizing it at first? What helped you recognize it?
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SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Revelation 2:4–5 (NKJV)

“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works...”

Colossians 1:18 (NKJV)

“And He is the head of the body, the church...”

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. UNDERSTANDING DRIFT

- Pastor Kevin said drift is usually **subtle, not intentional**. Why do you think that's true?
 - What are some signs that drift might be happening in a person's spiritual life—or even in a church?
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2. WHAT REPLACES CHRIST WHEN PURPOSE IS LOST

- In the message, several substitutes were mentioned (comfort, routine, preference, production).
- Which of these do you think is the easiest for believers to slip into—and why?

 *Read Colossians 1:18 again.*

- What does it practically mean for Christ to be “the head” of our lives and our church?
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3. JESUS' HEART TOWARD HIS CHURCH

- In Revelation, Jesus corrects His churches—but He also encourages and invites them.
- How does this shape the way we should respond when God brings conviction?

 *Read Revelation 3:20 (NKJV).*

- What does it say about Jesus that He is knocking—not forcing His way in?
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4. PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Has faith ever felt more like routine than relationship for you?
- What helps you stay spiritually hungry and dependent on the Holy Spirit?

5. CHURCH APPLICATION

- What does it look like for a church to stay **Christ-centered** as it grows and moves forward?
- How can a small group help guard against drift and keep first love alive?

PERSONAL TAKE-HOME REFLECTION

This week, ask yourself:

- What is currently shaping my faith—habit or hunger?
- Where might Jesus be inviting me to return, realign, or refocus?

Finish this sentence privately:

“Lord, help me place You back at the center by _____.”