

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaway:

1. God sees your pain. If you're in a season of earthly mourning, God loves you and is suffering with you. You don't need deep theology—you need to know God is with you.
2. Grief over sin opens the door to grace. When we honestly mourn our sin rather than dismiss it, we position ourselves to receive God's comfort and transformation.
3. We can do church without God. It's possible to have programs, events, and even sermons without truly centering on God's Word. We must guard against this.
4. Jesus mourned over sin. As we become more like Christ, we should mourn what He mourns—the sin that causes all earthly suffering.

Discussion Questions:

1. Jason addressed two types of mourning: earthly mourning (loss, pain, suffering) and mourning over sin. Which type of mourning do you find easier to acknowledge? Why?
2. Why do you think Jesus connects blessing with mourning? How does this contrast with the world's view of happiness?
3. What does 2 Kings 22:8-13 tell us that God's Word was literally lost in the house of the Lord? How might churches today "lose" God's Word even when Bibles are readily available?
4. Josiah had a visceral reaction when he heard God's Word—he tore his clothes in despair. When was the last time God's Word moved you to strong emotion or action?
5. Jason mentioned developing a "flippant, nonchalant attitude toward sin" because we know God's grace covers us. Have you ever caught yourself thinking this way? What's wrong with this mindset according to Romans 6:1-2?
6. How does understanding what our sin cost Jesus (the cross) change the way we view our daily sins?
7. What sins in your life have you been treating casually? What would it look like to genuinely mourn over them?
8. Jason stated: "The very one we should be mourning over is also the very one to offer us comfort in our mourning." How does this truth bring you hope?

Practical Applications:

1. Morning Challenge: Before looking at any screen (phone, TV, laptop), read one chapter of Scripture
2. Evening Challenge: Practice Honest Confession | Spend 5-10 minutes each night in honest confession using the Examen Prayer:
 - a. Gratitude - Thank God for the day's blessings
 - b. Guidance - Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you fell short
 - c. Review - Honestly look at where you sinned today
 - d. Forgiveness - Ask God to forgive those specific sins
 - e. Future Grace - Ask for help to do better tomorrow

