

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus urges us to remain in Him as the true vine, just as He urged the Israelites.
2. Remaining in Christ requires being with Christ, as who we're with shapes who we are.
3. Jesus offers a new way of purification - from the inside out, rather than external rituals.
4. Cultural voices & false gospels can easily pull us away from Christ if we're not careful.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned the growing tensions in our culture. How have you experienced these tensions in your own life? How does this affect your faith?
2. Jesus uses the imagery of the vine and branches. How does this metaphor help you understand your relationship with Christ?
3. The sermon emphasized that to remain in Christ, we must be with Christ. What does this look like in your daily life? What challenges do you face in spending time with Jesus?
4. Reflect on the wedding at Cana story. How does Jesus turning water into wine symbolize the new way of purification He offers?
5. The pastor warned against putting more faith in politics than in God. Have you ever struggled with this? How can we ensure our primary allegiance is to Christ rather than a political party?
6. What "cultural voices" or potential false gospels do you find most tempting or distracting in your own life?

Practical Applications:

1. Social Media Fast: Consider taking a 1-7 day break from social media this week. Use that time to engage more deeply with Scripture and prayer.
2. Self-Reflection: Spend time this week identifying areas in your life that need purification. Pray about these areas, asking Christ to work on purifying you from the inside out.
3. Daily Choice: Make a conscious effort each day this week to "remain in Christ." This could mean setting aside specific time for prayer, Bible reading, or simply being still in God's presence.
4. Accountability: Partner with someone in the group to check in on how you're doing with these applications throughout the week.