

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus claimed divinity when He said "I am the light of the world"
2. Focus on the Messiah, not the method. It's not about formulas or rituals; it's about Jesus Himself doing the transforming work.
3. Legalism is miserable. We can't earn God's favor through good behavior, nor can we lose it through our failures. God's grace is the foundation.
4. See the Light - Understand and believe the gospel truth about Jesus.
5. Live in the Light - Allow the Holy Spirit to transform us and expose hidden sins.
6. Be the Light - Share Jesus with others AND meet practical needs around us.
7. Biblical literacy without love is worthless. Knowing theology must lead to Christlike action.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus is "the light of the world"? How is this different from other sources of guidance or truth people follow today?
2. Read John 9:1-3. The disciples wanted to discuss theology and assign blame. How do we sometimes do the same thing—talking about God instead of acting like Him?
3. Jason mentioned "the demons believe and shudder" (James 2:19). What's the difference between believing facts about Jesus and actually living in His light?
4. C.S. Lewis said, "God will make us good because He loves us." How does this differ from trying to earn God's favor through good behavior?
5. Read Colossians 4:5-6. What does it look like practically to have speech that is "gracious, seasoned with salt"? How can we share truth without being harsh or judgmental?

Practical Applications:

1. See the Light:
 - a. If you've never made a decision to follow Jesus, talk to someone about what that means.
 - b. If you're struggling with doubt, read the Gospel of John, ask God to reveal Himself to you.
2. Live in the Light
 - a. Identify one area of your life you've been keeping "in the darkness." Confess it to God, a trusted friend, or accountability partner.
 - b. Spend 15 minutes each day this week in prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal areas that need His light.
3. Be the Light
 - a. Tell someone about Jesus: Invite a non-believing friend or family member to coffee and share your faith story; invite them to church.
 - b. Meet a practical need: Identify someone struggling (financially, emotionally, physically) and do something tangible to help them—bring a meal, offer to babysit, help with yard work, visit someone who's lonely.