

A stylized tree with a brown trunk and branches, green leaves, and blue, cloud-like flowers. A red banner with the word "MANTRAS" in white capital letters is draped across the trunk. The background is a textured brown with faint, repeating patterns of tools like axes and saws.

MANTRAS

Mantras (April 11 to May 9)

Teams and businesses often use mantras to inspire, to remind, and to define. From “Just Do It” to “Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can’t Lose,” these mantras are memorable. Likewise, every church has metaphors or phrases helping define core values, vision, and mission. Redemption is no different. These phrases help us define what this church is all about. Phrases like “Be The Branch,” “Catch The Wind,” “Grip The Plow,” “Empty The Jar,” and “Wreck The Roof” are quick and memorable ways for us to remember to keep our eyes focused on the true priorities of Jesus and His church.

Group Discussion

Getting started: When it comes to being polite, how do you handle these situations.

- Dinner is being served. Do you eat immediately or wait for everyone to get their food?
- Someone has food in their teeth. How do you play the situation?

Scripture: Read Luke 7:36-47, then answer the questions.

1. Simon invited Jesus to his house even though he didn't really want to. He was checking a box. When have you just gone through the motions with something that you didn't really want to do? Has church or religion ever been something you just “check the box” on? How does it become more than an obligation?
2. Why do you think the woman in the story responded to Jesus the way she did? When is the last time you had a moment like this with Jesus?
3. Who do you identify with more, the woman in the story, or Simon the pharisee? Why? How can you become more like the woman?

4. Think about how Jesus treated the woman, and how he treated Simon. What can we learn from Jesus about how we treat others?
5. When the woman empties the jar of perfume on Jesus, what all did that jar represent for her? What is in our jar? What expensive, valuable, precious gift can you pour out for Jesus? How can you empty the jar this week?

Next Steps

Does giving sacrificially or worshipping expressively make you more uncomfortable? How can you embrace each of those better this week?



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