

The image features a central 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 superimposed over the tree's trunk. The background is a textured brown with a repeating pattern of stylized tools: axes, saws, and circular saw blades. The overall style is flat and graphic.

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: Which is more important to you: Tradition or Innovation? Where do you tend to fall, personally, between these two:

TRADITION — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — **INNOVATION**

Scripture: Read Mark 2:1-12.

1. The crowd made it difficult for the paralyzed man to get to Jesus. Does the “Church crowd” today, ever make it difficult for people to get to Jesus? How?
2. Did someone “wreck the roof” to get you to Jesus? How?
3. Have you ever seen or experienced churches that were ruled by tradition? How does tradition get in the way of innovation? Are there any traditions we need to let go of as individuals, or as a church, to be more innovative in reaching people?
4. The four friends weren’t evangelists, they just took their friend to Jesus. How can we take people to Jesus?
5. Reflect on the Mantras series. How have you been encouraged by what you have learned each week about how to “Be the Branch,” “Catch the Wind,” “Grip the Plow,” “Empty the Jar,” and “Wreck the Roof”? How do the first four mantras relate to wrecking the roof?

Next Steps

Wrecking the roof means we will do whatever it takes to remove barriers that keep people from Jesus. How can you wreck the roof this week?



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