

HEART FOR THE HOUSE- Wk 1

Jesus is the Center

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
Psalm 92:13

CORE VALUE 1:

Jesus is the center.

It's not about us. It's all about Him.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:15-18

-VIDEO OF SEAN & BRITTNI-

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, ^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades ^[c] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be ^[c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be ^[c] loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus is the center means He's personal.

-Who do "OTHERS" say I am? (vs. 13)

-I can't have Jesus as the center of my life if I'm living off other people's revelations.

-A personal revelation of Jesus is what He is building His church on

-That personal relationship, the living, breathing, growing, maturing discipleship process is what the gates of Hell will not overcome.

Jesus is the center means He's Messiah.

-Who do I say Jesus is?

- John the Baptist = a messenger/ the plan of God

-Elijah = a prophet/ the voice of God

- Jeremiah = a watchman/ the truth of God
- Do I want just the effects of the Messiah or do I want the person who is Messiah?
- In my life, is He just what He does? Am I giving him the central point of my life to BE MY MESSIAH?
- Messiah = (chiro) THE ANOINTED ONE, the SINGULAR King

Jesus is the center means it's His way.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

- I check my personal preferences at the door.
 - I have to choose to deny myself.
 - Not my will, but yours
- His way = the keys to the Kingdom; bringing Heaven to Earth (vs.19)

Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central... Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.

Galatians 2:20-21

RESPONSE:

- Who do you say Jesus is?
- Ask the Holy Spirit, where have I settled for the effects of the Messiah without the full relationship with the Messiah?