

Sermon Notes



Welcome

February 6, 2022



GOSPEL



COMMUNITY



MISSION

Upcoming Events

Worship & Prayer Night: This Thursday, 7:00 pm.

Wonder Women Soup Dinner: Monday February 7, 6:00 pm at Lisa's house. This fellowship group for women 50+ meets every month. This month, they will be hosting a soup dinner! Call or text Karen at (509)378-1679 for more details.

Men's Ski trip: February 10-12 at White Pass. Lots of great activities including skiing/boarding, foosball, and firearms. Contact Kellen at (509)554-0460 with questions and sign up at the back table or online.

Women's Fellowship Night: February 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church. All women are welcome to the church for a night of sharing with each other and creating journals. Sign-up at the back table or on our website.

Women's Tuesday Meetups: Every Tuesday, 2:30 - 4:00 pm at the church. Women can come reflect on the Word together and pray over each other. Kids are welcome. Questions? Contact Tai at (425)318-2075.

Women's Retreat: Save the date, April 29 to May 1 at Bar M Ranch near Pendleton, OR. More details and sign-ups to come!

All sign-ups are available on our website, lighthousecities.com.

Family Updates

Community Group sign-ups are available on our redesigned website. There you can read about all our Fellowship Groups or contact Jeff, our group coordinator to get plugged in to a small Community Group. Our associated app and messaging system will launch soon, along with live streaming on the website and app!

We have hired **Jeff Nichols as the part-time Director of Ministry Engagement!** He will oversee the processes that help people engage in the ministries of the church and the church's business relationships.

We are always **looking for more volunteers.** If you are interested in serving your church, you can sign up on the back table, on our website, or email lighthousecities@gmail.com.

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Discussion Questions

Centered on the Gospel Part 4: Legalism and License

1. What most stood out to you from Sunday's message? Is there any part you hope we discuss together?
2. Pastor Josh described legalism as "I obey, therefore Jesus saves me." License is "Jesus saves me, therefore I don't have to obey." And the gospel is "Jesus saves me, therefore I get to obey." Which side do you think is more dangerous? Which side have you seen more of today?
3. When it comes to our internal reality, legalism is characterized by anxiety and fear, pride and shame, compromise, and fakeness. License is characterized by apathy, the idolatry of self, worldliness, and cowardliness about the controversial parts of following Jesus. The gospel is characterized by a secure identity in Christ, authenticity, an eagerness to follow, and graciousness. Looking at legalism and license, which side do you think you tend to lean towards and why?
4. Legalism views the law as a burden, and license is apathetic towards it. In the gospel we are motivated by love. How do you feel about the law of God on a daily basis?
5. While most churches may technically believe the gospel, it's easy to go to one side or another in church culture. A legalistic culture has high expectations, is unwelcoming, and fake. A licentious culture shies away from hard topics, is eager to grow at all costs, and is very compromising when it comes to Biblical truth. A gospel culture is one where "it's okay to not be okay, but it's not okay to stay that way." How can we in our group be part of contributing to a healthy, Christ-centered culture in the church?
6. Which side of the spectrum do you think you tend to lean toward personally?