

Summary

The sermon focuses on spiritual alignment, using the analogy of a car's alignment to discuss how Christians can drift off course in their spiritual walk. Pastor Chris explains how misalignment happens slowly through neglecting prayer, Bible reading, and allowing sin to creep in. He emphasizes that just as a car needs professional alignment, Christians need to regularly check their spiritual alignment with God through prayer and self-examination.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss spiritual alignment, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to Your truth. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with You about areas where we may have drifted off course. Guide our discussion and show us what You want us to learn. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What was your first car, and what's one memorable experience you had with it?

Key Verses

- Hebrews 12:1
- Romans 3:23
- Matthew 7:14
- Psalms 139:23
- Psalms 119:133

Questions

- What are some signs that indicate we might be spiritually misaligned?
- The sermon mentions that misalignment usually happens slowly. What are some small compromises that can lead to spiritual drift?
- How does carrying 'weights' (good things that become distractions) affect our spiritual walk?
- What's the difference between treating ministry as work versus treating it as a calling?
- Why is it important to 'put it in park' spiritually? What does that look like practically?
- How can we tell the difference between weights and sins in our lives?
- What role does regular church attendance and participation play in maintaining spiritual alignment?

- How can we help others who might be struggling with spiritual misalignment without being judgmental?

Life Application

This week, take time to 'put it in park' spiritually. Set aside 30 minutes of uninterrupted time with God to pray Psalms 139:23-24, asking Him to search your heart and reveal any areas of misalignment in your life. Write down what He shows you and make a plan to address these areas.

Key Takeaways

- Spiritual misalignment usually happens gradually through small compromises
- Both weights (distractions) and sins can pull us off course spiritually
- Regular spiritual maintenance through prayer and Bible study is essential
- We need God's help to identify and correct areas of misalignment
- True alignment requires putting our lives 'in park' and allowing God to examine us

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us the importance of spiritual alignment. Help us to be honest about areas where we've drifted and give us the courage to make necessary corrections. Grant us the wisdom to recognize when we're getting off track and the strength to stay focused on You. May we run this race with patience and purpose, keeping our eyes fixed on You. In Jesus' name, Amen.