

Talk it Over: Spring Cleaning, May 20 & 21, 2023

Key Scriptures

Ps 139:23-24

Galatians 1:10

1 Thessalonians 2:4

Key Thoughts

You are His!

Start Thinking

Honoring God leads to pleasing others.

Start Talking

What did you need to hear from this message?

Start Sharing

1. Which of these signs of longing for approval can you relate to the most?

- Worrying about what others think*
- Being overly sensitive*
- Compromising your values*
- Hesitating to in sharing your faith*
- Having a hard time saying no.*

When you are ruled by approval of people, what does it produce in your life?

2. How could a need for approval of people get in the way of a relationship with God? How can people pleasing become idolatry?

3.. How would your life be different if you lived from the approval of God rather than for the approval of people?

5. God gets to say who you are because He created you. This is who you are!

You are greatly loved by God. (Rom 1:7)

You are forgiven. (Eph 1:7)

You are righteousness. (2 Cor 5:21)

You are a new creation. (1 Cor 5:17)

You are God's masterpiece. (Eph 2:10)

You are more than a conqueror. (Rom 8:37)

You are filled with the spirit that raised Jesus. (Rom 8:11)

You are a joint heir with Jesus. (Rom 8:17)

You are the light of the world. (Mt 5:14)

You are Christ's ambassador. (2 Cor 5:20)

Which of these do you fully believe?

Which feels hard to believe? Where do you think that comes from?

6. We represent Christ, not ourselves. In light of this, are you accurately and consistently representing Jesus' love to the people around you? Where do you currently do this well? Where do you need to be more intentional?

Start Praying

Lord God, we are who you say we are because of Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you, Jesus! Help us to believe these things fully and to live from your approval of us. Let all that we do please you Lord. In pleasing you, we'll be loving others well and will gain their approval. We thank you and love you and trust you. ~Amen

Start Doing

How can you focus on pleasing God rather than people this week?