

I. ME

- A. Next Week... Happy Series
 - 1. Perfect time to invite.
- B. Vegas
- C. World needs the church now more than ever.
 - 1. Local church loving their neighbors and community through the love of Jesus is the only thing that can change anything.
 - 2. Societies, cultures, countries are changed one person at a time.
- D. Why I'm so excited about this church.
 - 1. Why I think this series is so important
 - 2. Stop wasting time on Temple Model junk and get to living the life of freedom Jesus promises.
- E. B/c the arrival of Jesus signaled an end to the Temple Model and the beginning of something Brand New.

II. WE- (Review)

A. Temple Model v. Jesus Model

- 1. TM: Sacred Places-Sacred Texts-Sacred Men-Sincere Followers
- 2. JM: New Covenant-New Command-New Ethic-New Movement-New Relationship-New Life

B. Jesus Model is much simpler but far more demanding.

- 1. No where to hide-No loopholes-No shortcuts
- 2. B/c we almost always know the answer to "What does love look like?"
 - a. Everything else is commentary on how to apply Jesus' one command.

C. History

- 1. Started out great
 - a. No Bible
 - b. Loved each other and enemies
 - c. Didn't fear death

2. Constantine

- a. Xians went from being persecuted minority to empowered majority
- b. Holy Roman Empire
- c. Temple Model came sneaking back in
 - 1) Sacred places-sacred men-interpreted sacred text-for sincere/superstitious followers.

3. Reformers

- a. Rejected authority of Church... Scripture was ultimate authority, not the church
- b. Put Bible into everyones language
- c. Didn't understand how to put it into context... how Jesus had changed everything
- d. Began taking verses at will and applying them to their situations
- e. "If it's all equally inspired... then its all equally applicable."
- f. Instead of Love being the filter to read and understand everything... Bible became rules and a weapon.
- g. Denominations
- h. Love lost

D. Now we have a blend.

- 1. Trying to separate to get back to Jesus Model
- 2. Its simple... but demanding
 - 1) Easy to understand... hard to do.

E. This is what makes the church and Jesus irresistible

- 1. Why the church is the hope of the world
- 2. If we get this right we can change the world.

F. 5 ways the Jesus Model can change our world

- 1. 5 Concepts the Jesus Model makes Brand New for us.
 - a. Not actually new. How things should have always been.
 - b. But we need to renew them... fine tune our consciences to what Jesus is actually about.

III. GOD

A. Jesus Model gives us a... **New View of Church** (Contribute)

1. The Church is a body, not a kingdom

2. Jesus before Pilate... (**John 18:36**)
 - a. My Kingdom is not here... yet.
3. Not conquering the world... working together to save it.
4. Paul said we (everyone who follows Jesus) are Jesus' **AMBASSADORS** to the world.
5. **1 Cor. 12:27**- *Now you are the body of Christ, and EACH ONE of you is a part of it.*
 - a. Each of us has been gifted by God to play a specific role in the church (ecclesia).
 - b. If you (yes you) are not engaging, contributing, something is missing. The body is missing something and you are missing something.

6. Temple Model... Consume

- a. Filled up by music, take communion so God will like you, sing the songs so you feel close to God.
7. Jesus Model isn't about you... It's about the you next to you.

8. Jesus Model... Contribute.

9. Temple Model says... Oh I can just stay home or go into nature by myself to worship God. Or I've served my time when I was younger. Now I just want to sit in my seat and hear THE WORD.
10. Jesus Model says... Why would I stay on my own when I can contribute to the rest of the body and change my community and world?
 - a. Why would I cheat myself and the rest of the body?
11. If you're not engaged/contributing you're like an amputated body part.
 - a. Gross
12. So don't be gross... Contribute

13. **Imagine** if every Jesus follower said, "I'm done just showing up sometimes and sitting in a row. I'm done consuming. I'm done treating church as a temple. I'm going to contribute to the rest of the body and make a difference.

- a. What would happen to our neighborhoods, city, country?

B. Gives us a... **New View of Authority**

1. In the Jesus Model, **Authority is used for the benefit of those being led, not the leaders.**

2. Not just in the church but for everyone.
3. Disciples were arguing one day about who was gonna be the greatest...
 - a. **Matthew 20:25-27**
 - b. Not anymore. When you gather in my ecclesia, don't you dare leverage your authority for your benefit.
 - c. If you want to be great by my standard...serve

4. Then to make sure they understood...
 - a. He washed their feet. (awkward eye contact)
 - b. Then he said... **John 13:14-16**
 - c. "I've given you an example of how to serve... if I am willing to do this... shouldn't you do the same?"
 - d. When you start thinking you're something important... go wash some more feet.
 - e. He's talking to all of us

5. As a Christian... the more authority you get the more feet you get to wash.
 - a. Not just at church
 - b. Even if you oversee one person
 - c. You're responsibility as a Jesus follower is to ask, What does love look like, and use the authority you have for the good of those working "under" you. Not the other way around.

6. **Imagine** if every Xian saw their authority as a way to love those under them.
 - a. Everyone would want to work for a Xian.
 - b. "Why are you this way?"
 - c. It would change your office, home, city, world.
- C. Gives us a... **New View of Family**
 1. Marriage
 2. **Jesus on Marriage**
 - a. Culture- Women were property. Testimony didn't count in court and definitely didn't count at home.
 - 1) Everybody wanted a boy.
 - 2) Their theology had made them believe men were closer to God and women were second.
 - b. Jesus said not anymore (ever really), **Marriage is now about mutual care and submission, not male domination.**
 - c. So extreme... In fact the when he was asked about divorce... "Moses said if we're sick of our wives we can divorce her... what do you think the rules should be? How should we get rid of our wives so we can get new wives?"
 - d. His answer was so extreme, so NEW, so counter-cultural, his views on the status of women was so different... here's how his disciples responded...
 - 1) **Matthew 19:10.**
 - e. Men lost their advantage B/c Jesus replaced ownership with partnership
 - 1) Ladies if you really grasp what Jesus taught about marriage... it might just make you want to be a Xian for just that reason.
 - 2) Jesus elevated the status of women in a way no one had ever even thought of before.

3. **Paul on Marriage**

- a. When Paul was trying to explain this idea to the Xians in Ephesus he said something that many men have misused.
 - 1) "Wives submit to your husbands."
 - 2) "Says so in the text... you have to submit." "God's word says so."
- b. 1st... Who's it written to? Mind your own business. Not even talking to you.
- c. This is an example of why the Temple Model is so dangerous when we just pick one verse from the text and create whole belief system around it.
- d. That verse is not the beginning of Paul's discussion on Xian marriage.
- e. He actually begins with... **Ephesians 5:21**- *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*
- f. Paul... Xian marriage is about asking What does love look like for my spouse? How best can I let Jesus love my spouse through me?
- g. Then wives you submit to your husbands out of reverence for Christ (not b/c he deserves it) but b/c you're doing it for Jesus.
- h. And husbands you have the more difficult job... you get to lay your life down for your wife.
 - 1) "Oh I'd die for her"...
 - 2) Neat. But are you willing to lay your life, NOW, down for her. Submit your life to her needs and wants?
- i. Xian marriage is a submission competition.**
 - 1) That's the key top a great marriage.
 - 2) Try to outdo each other in looking out for each others needs.
 - 3) What are most fights about?
 - 4) Wouldn't it be great if most fights were about trying to give the other person what they need/want?
- j. Not b/c they deserve it but b/c you are doing it for Jesus, with his love.

- k. Temple Model says... you hurt me so I get to hurt you.
- l. Jesus Model says... whether you deserve it right now or not... I will submit, I will love b/c Jesus loves you.

4. **Parenting**

- a. Passage goes on...
 - b. **Ephesians 6:1**... Children Obey (submit)...
 - c. "That's right you have to obey b/c God says so. I can be the biggest most selfish jerk of a parent and you still have to obey me b/c the Scripture says so.
 - d. How did Paul begin the passage? Submit to one another.
 - e. **Eph 6:4**
 - f. Parents submit to their kids by giving up their wants and desires for the good of their kids
 - g. Not spoiling them... that's not love either
 - h. But giving yourself up for their GOOD.
 - i. Completely counter-cultural. Totally brand new.
 - j. **Fathers**... there's no such thing as an absentee loving father.
 - a. If you're not fully engaged, and giving of yourself for your kids... and their mother... you don't really deserve the title father.
 - b. B/c your job is to make sure when they hear for the first time that God is their Heavenly Father... they understand the depth of love that represents... b/c they've experienced it from you.
5. **Imagine** if the Xian families in the US got this right?
- a. Husbands and wives were in a submission competition
 - b. Parents saw their life and family was not about them but about giving up their lives for the good of their kids.
 - c. Change the world.

D. Gives us a... **New View of Spirituality**

1. What is spirituality?
 - a. She's so spiritual. Oh he knows so much about the Bible, he's always quoting scripture in his conversations, his jokes are even bible based. She's just so studied... so godly.
 - 1) Temple Thinking
2. In the Jesus Model... **Spirituality is measured by how well one loves, not how much one knows.**
 - a. See this all over the NT
3. Paul describing the fruit of the Spirit... the result of having the spirit of God living in you... what it means to be really spiritual...
 - a. "But the fruit of the spirit is knowledge, insight, understanding the deeper things of the faith, scripture memorization, and the ability to teach or sing in a dynamic way."
 - b. Isn't that what a lot of think being spiritual is?
 - c. No... Paul said the proof you are truly spiritual, that you have the Holy Spirit of God living inside of you is... **Galatians 5:22-23**
4. What do these have in common? They are all horizontal... not vertical.
 - a. Sacrificial, Unnatural, Cross-cultural.
5. In the Jesus Model, spirituality is not measured by how much you know, how well you can speak, how much you have memorized, how well you can pray into a microphone.
6. It's measured by how much Fruit of the Spirit you demonstrate.

- E. Gives us a ... **New View of Holiness**
1. In the Jesus Model, **Holiness is about being a part of rather than setting oneself apart from.**
 - a. It's no longer about withdrawing from, it's about engaging with.
 - b. It's no about keeping yourself separate from the evil world, so you don't get contaminated or get sin cooties.
 - c. Holiness is not about going to your Xian Bible study, and your Xian men's or women's events, Xian day at the theme park, or Xian aerobics, or Xian concerts, or Xian, Xian, Xian, Xian.
 2. In the temple Model, sacred means separate.
 - a. Israel's laws.
 - b. Marked them as God's separate people. Apart from the cultures and religions around them
 - c. Had to be ceremonially clean
 - d. "Don't interact, don't intermarry, don't eat the way they do. And if any of that comes in.. get rid of it. Stone the adulterers and the disobedient children. You are to remain separated and pure, stay away from them."
 3. We think we have to do the same thing
 4. But all of that brought the Messiah, Jesus and he said, "All of that is over. This is a Brand New way to live."
 - a. You want to be holy? Engage the world just like I did.
 5. In fact Jesus' best friend, John, explained it this way... **John 1:14**
 - 1) The word (Jesus... God in a Bod) became stinky, smelly, flesh. And lived with other stinky people who sinned all the time.
 - 2) God, The holy God, refused to keep himself separate and didn't just come to be with us but became one of us.
 6. And if you read the eye-witness accounts... Jesus kept freaking everyone out b/c he kept touching unholy things, unholy people, diseased nasty people, from sun up to sun down.
 - a. And the religious leaders would say, "How can he be from GOD?! He is constantly touching and engaging unholy people.
 - b. But instead of Jesus becoming contaminated by their diseases and sin, he healed them.
 7. And if you are a Jesus follower that's what you have been called to do.
 - a. It's why we have created a church for people who don't normally go to church.
 - b. So we can engage with those who need true healing from Jesus. Not so we can huddle in our own Xian bubble hoping Jesus come back soon to destroy this world before we get tainted too.
 8. Want more proof?
 - a. Right before Jesus leaves... his **final words.**
 - b. Sits his disciples down... **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - c. GO. Split up and GO.
 - d. All peoples... all ethnic groups. Even the ones you don't like
 9. Why we don't have this bible study or that bible study.
 - a. Connect Groups that can love and reach out to your neighbors.
 - b. Why we aren't doing a Harvest Festival (Xian Halloween)
 - 1) Engage with your neighbors
 - 2) Have a block party
 - 3) Invite your neighbors to go trick or treating with you.
 - c. "No no we have to remain separate..." Temple Thinking

10. Luke- Historian

- a. When Jesus died the curtain in the holy of holies was torn.
- b. God was done being in the temple... he was coming to engage with people.
- c. Holiness was no longer about being set apart
- d. Holiness was about becoming a part of for the sake of other people.
- e. God had left the temple and was now going to live in portable temples
- f. And that wherever his followers went He would always be with them and they could now bring God into the world that so desperately needs him as they represent Him.

11. In the Jesus Movement the holiest people have the dirtiest hands.

- a. Dirty is the new holy.
- b. The holiest people at this church is not the good looking guys up here... but those who week in and week out change diapers and sing songs with the kids.
- c. The holiest people are not set apart keeping themselves clean from the world.
- d. Holy is dirty and messy
- e. Remember, the holiest person who ever walked the face of this world... died covered in his own sweat, blood, the spit of other people. The filth of this world.
- f. And he died covered in your sin.

IV. YOU

A. Imagine

1. If everyone who called themselves Jesus Followers said, "No more just coming and soaking. No more just coming to church for me to be fed. No more consuming. No more coming to church b/c that's what the Bible says I have to do."
 - a. What if we give that all up and each of us individually decided to contribute to God's mission of saving others?
2. If every Xian at church or work said, "I'm going to use any authority I have as a way to help those who have been placed under my leadership."
3. If every Xian husband and wife (whether their spouse was Xian or not) said, "My marriage isn't about me. It's about showing this person God's love through me."
 - a. I'm tearing down my defenses and giving up what I think I deserve from this person... and I'm going to give them what God gave me even when I didn't deserve it... sacrificial love.
4. If every parent said, "I'm giving up what I want FROM my kids and focusing on what I can do FOR my kids."
 - a. Every Xian father decided to engage his kids with the love his heavenly father has given him?
5. What if we saw spirituality as how well we love... not how much we know?
6. And what if we gave up trying to separate ourselves in our own safe Xian sub-culture bubble but actually engaged our neighbors, co-workers with the love and care of Jesus?

7. What if every time we feel like being selfish, or we're annoyed, or tempted, every time we want to just worry about ourselves,
 - a. We ask ourselves... what does love look like?
 - b. And then we ask Jesus to give us the ability to show that love through his power?
 - c. No more... how much can I get away with, is there a verse that really says I can't, I never heard a pastor preach against it...
 - d. What if we decided the only thing that really counts is our faith in Jesus expressing itself through love?
8. That every day in even the most mundane moments we pause and answer the question... What does love look like?
9. When you're not sure what you're supposed to do... what would Jesus do... What does love look like?

V. WE

- A. That is what Jesus came to bring.
- B. That was what was so irresistible.
- C. That's the type of Xianity that changed the world forever.
- D. And, I believe, can change it again.
- E. B/c this isn't doing religion the same old way we've always done it.
- F. This is Brand New
- G. It is a New Relationship with God and a New Life of freedom forever.
- H. Where the only rule is... What does love look like?
- I. That is what will transform your life and the lives of those around you.
- J. And by the grace of God that is what He will use to allow this church to transform Salem.
- K. And make this city and our neighbors Brand New.
- L. Next Week... New Series. Love looks like inviting someone to hear how they can find the key to happiness.