

Centered Set Church

06 Jesus Model Truths

INTRODUCTION

Jesus initiated the church to resist the Temple Model, which focused on sacred places, men, and texts. He began a movement that was based on truths that were founded on love. What would our church look like if we lived out the implications?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when someone made a sacrifice on your behalf. How did that sacrifice make a difference in your life?
2. Do you tend to define the word “church” as a sacred location or a community? Talk about the people, places, and events that have shaped your definition of “church.”
3. Talk about a time you’ve seen someone use the Bible as a bat against someone else. How did it affect the person on the receiving end? How did it affect you?
4. In what area of your life—how you use authority, behave in your marriage, or view godliness—are you most tempted to drift into the Temple Model? What are some things love requires of you in that area of your life?
5. Do you think the Church has drawn unnecessary lines? What are they, and how has it affected you? Who would get inconvenienced if those lines were removed? Who would benefit?
6. During the message, Kats said, “Holy people have dirty hands. Dirty is the new holy.” On whose behalf do you need to get your hands dirty? What is one thing you can do this week to love that person or group of people actively? How can your Life Group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Our devotion to God is illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by our love for others. Imagine if every Christian engaged people instead of just attending church if every Christian used their authority on behalf of others, and if every Christian asked, “What does love require of me?” It would change the world.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

John 18:36