



Keeping God's Main Thing Our Main Thing

Ice Breaker: Are you watching the Olympics? If so, what is your favorite event?

Points to ponder:

1. The Gospel was first preached from the OT. Those are the scriptures the Disciples had.
2. The Gospel was preached exclusively in Israel for 3.5 years following Jesus' resurrection.
3. The Gospel started spreading to other parts of the earth after the High Priest rejected it and stoned Stephen for preaching it.
4. It would have been Unheard of if ANY apostle or leader in a church had done ANYTHING other than preach Jesus and Him crucified.

Read Together: Colossians 1:18 (ESV), Luke 24:13-32 (ESV)

Discuss:

Who is to be kept preeminent?

As you read the account of the men with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, what stuck out to you the most?

Pastor Jason pointed out that Jesus was probably with these men for about 2 hours. He couldn't tell them everything in the OT that pointed to Him! He opened the scriptures to them and revealed God's Main thing. The revelation of Jesus to us is through the Scriptures.

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1. The entirety of the Bible points to Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament POINTS to Jesus. There may be details or stories that don't seem to fit the pointing to Jesus, but the WHOLE of the OT is preparing the reader to see and know that Jesus is the Messiah. It is pointing us FORWARD to the Cross and Resurrection.

In the New Testament, the Gospel is the proclamation that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies and the embodiment of the Messiah. They tell us in real-time that Jesus is **HERE!**

After the Resurrection, everything is looking **BACK** at the Cross and the Resurrection.

Acts tells us, “Go tell the world about Jesus.”

Revelation tells us that Jesus is coming back again.

Sometimes, we get caught up in specific beliefs or focus on things that are not the primary purpose of the Scriptures.

When we get things confused, we end up moving toward

1. Confirmation bias - The tendency to interpret new evidence as confirmation of one's existing beliefs or theories.
2. Missional drift- often used to **describe a confusing or inauthentic shift from a firm's initial focus** or to accuse a company of diverging from its core values.

Jesus is the true north of the scripture. Some of us get the truth out of order. Don't get distracted by facts or stories. Follow the facts and stories to Jesus.

Discuss:

What are some ways you have heard the scriptures used to confirm a particular theology?

What are some things you have seen believers elevate above Jesus?

Read Together: Luke 24:25,27 (ESV)

>Here, we see Jesus telling his companions on the road to Emmaus how all the prophets were speaking to lift their eyes to Jesus. (God's main thing). Remember, they did **NOT** recognize Him, so He talked in the 3rd person. Try to imagine being in that moment!

Read Together: John 5:39 (ESV)

Discuss: What do the Scriptures reveal?

Who brings life?

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 1:23 (ESV) and 1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

Discuss: What were the Corinthians arguing about?

What was Paul's response?

Read Together: Luke 24:26-27 (ESV) and Luke 24:31-32 (ESV)

Challenge:

>Don't dethrone Jesus from the OT. - Jesus connected the dots that the prophecies pointed to him.

If you want a personal Revival, come to the Scriptures and let God reveal Jesus to you through the scriptures.

As a Church:

God wants all of Scripture to reveal HIS main thing....Jesus.

Everything we do is aimed at telling people about Jesus.

Our goal is for people to know that we love Jesus! Does He shine through you?

Pray: God, please help us keep YOUR main thing, the main thing. Fix our eyes on Jesus.