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Sunday Mornings Messages

August 16 – “Lessons from Sin and Grace” (John 8:1-11)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (9:30 Intersect)

August 23 – “The Impact of Courage” (John 8:7-11)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (9:30 Intersect)

August 30 – “Jesus Offers Light Not Darkness” (John 8:11-13)

Pastor Fred Morse (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 Intersect)

September 6 – “Know Jesus Well Before You Judge” (John 8:12-20)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Al Fadi (9:30 Intersect)

Sunday Evening Messages

August 9 – “Worldly Things Will Never Satisfy” (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11) PIT Peter Molina

August 16 – “Enjoy Life and Please God” (Ecclesiastes 2:12-26) Pastor Chris Hester

August 23 – “See Life From God’s Perspective” (Ecclesiastes 2:12-26) PIT Peter Molina

“Jesus Embraced Controversy”

August 9, 2020
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

John 7:40 – *Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.”*

- Deuteronomy 18:17 – *“And the Lord said to me, “They have spoken well. (18) ‘I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.*

John 7:41 – *Others were saying, “This is the Christ.” Still others were saying, “Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee is He?” (42) “Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”*

- Micah 5:2 – *“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.*

John 7:43 – *So there arose a division in the multitude because of Him. (44) And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.*

- Don't Let _____ keep you from believing in Jesus

John 7:45 – *The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” (46) The officers answered, “Never did a man speak the way this man speaks.”*

What is Spiritual Abuse?

- Spiritual abuse is the inappropriate use of spiritual authority (the Bible, ecclesiastical tradition, or church authority) to force

a person to do what is unhealthy (Tracy, *Mending the Soul*, 2005)

John 7:47 – *The Pharisees therefore answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you? (48) “No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?” (49) “But this multitude which does not know the Law is accursed.”*

- Pharisees don’t consider _____
- Pharisees allude to Deuteronomy in reference to the _____:
 - Deuteronomy 27:26 – *‘Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’*
 - Deuteronomy 28:15 – *“But it shall come about, if you will not obey the Lord your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.*
- Example #1 - Spiritual Abuse - Inappropriate use of Religious Authority

John 7:50 – *Nicodemus said to them (he who came to Him before, being one of them). (51) “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?”*

- Nicodemus exemplifies the _____ use of religious authority
 - Deuteronomy 1:16 – *“Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear the cases between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him. (17) ‘You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall*

not fear man, for the judgment is God’s. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’

- Deuteronomy 17:4 – *and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. And behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel,*
- Deuteronomy 19:18 – *“And the judges shall investigate thoroughly; and if the witness is a false witness and he has accused his brother falsely,*

THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT SPIRITUAL ABUSE IS TO KNOW YOUR SCRIPTURES

John 7:52 – *They answered and said to him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”*

- Example #2 - Spiritual Abuse - Inappropriate use of the Bible
 - Pharisees forgot about the Prophet _____ son of Amittai of Gath-hepher (in the region of Galilee)
 - II Kings 14:25 – *He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, which He spoke through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher.*

When we judge spiritual things by appearance, we end up being spiritually abusive or being spiritually abused