

My own personal efforts apart from God will never lead to spiritual growth - that can be found only in Jesus Christ.

PULPIT CURRICULUM

THE RIGHT PATH TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS JESUS
Colossians 2:16-23

1. REVIEW

Read Colossians 2:16-23. Paul is warning the church about three wrong paths for spiritual growth. How would you describe each of them?

How are these three wrong paths experienced and practiced today?

What does adding extra-biblical requirements to your walk with Christ do to your relationship with him? What is the right path instead?

2. ASSESS

Each of these wrong paths has one thing in common: growth through my own self-effort. It never works. Where are you trying to grow in your spiritual journey through your own efforts?

Discuss the dynamic between my work and God's work as it relates to spiritual growth.

3. APPLY

If you feel the Lord leading you to repent of adding extra rules and regulations to your faith or the faith of others, do that now in the presence of your small group.

What is one way you can change your approach to Jesus - time with him, thoughts about him - that will allow you to return to him in a fresh way this week?

MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

This week the message was preached by multiple Harvest pastors at our various campuses. There were slight modifications made to the outlines. You can see those reflected below.

1. Choose Jesus / The Reality of Christ over legalism. vv. 16-17

2. Choose Jesus / A Connection with Christ over experientialism / mysticism. vv. 18-19

3. Choose Jesus / Submission to Christ over asceticism. vv. 20-23

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Hebrews 10:1

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ 1 Corinthians 9:24

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Ephesians 4:16

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ Romans 6:11

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Galatians 6:14

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Uncommon Walk" class starting soon at your campus.