

GET OVER YOURSELF!

Overcoming the Selfie Culture

- 8/7 *Self Esteem and the Culture of Me*
- 8/14 *Materialism and the Culture of Mine*
- 8/21 *Entitlement and the Culture of Owed*
- 8/28 *Spiritualism and the Culture of a Religion Smorgasbord*

Intro:

- *Centered on Christ, for the Benefit of the Body, yet somehow we want to make it all about us.*
- *Church is not immune from the influence of Narcissism, Materialism, and Entitlement.*
 - *Worship about my Experience*
 - *Faith about my Blessing*
 - *Discipleship is about convenience*
- *Fitting God into “My” Agenda:*
 - *“No God”*
 - *“God as my Guru”*
 - *“My God”*
- *Making sure our Faith is God centered and not Me centered*

I. Is our Faith “God Focused” or “Me Focused”?

- *At best, religion restrains Narcissism.*
- *At worst, Prosperity Theology, Model worst behaviors, All about us.*
- *How do we get our concept of God?*
 - *My Feelings- God is who I want Him to be*
 - *Preconceived idea and we got to bible to justify*
 - *My Culture- God is who the culture around says He is*
 - *Making God more palatable and acceptable*
 - *God’s Self-Revelation*
 - *Wesley Quad: Scripture, Traditions, Experience, Reason*
 - *Jesus ultimate expression of God (Heb 1:3)*
- *Slippery Slope of “Me” centered Faith in ancient Israel (2 Kings 17)*
 - *Similar society: Pluralistic, materialistic, generic spirituality*
 - *God says guilty of: “Idolatry, worship of other gods, worship guided by culture, imitating culture, guilty of unspeakable evil”*
- *Our Slippery Slope of “Me” centered Faith*

- *Form of Religion without the power*
- II. *Honest Look at Modern Day Christianity*
 - *Honest look at the Call*
 - *What if Jesus made the call of Mark 8:34-35 today?*
 - *Honest look at Worship*
 - *Individualism (Me and my experience)*
 - *Narcissism (Me and my desire)*
 - *Power (Me and my potential)*
 - *Entertainment (Me and my enjoyment)*
 - *Honest look at Discipleship*
 - *The 4 “S” that we address in spirituality*
 - *Sin*
 - *Salvation*
 - *Surrender of Life*
 - *Sanctification*
- III. *What Can We Do to Be God Centered and Other Centered*
 - *Make Faith a Verb and Not Just a Noun*
 - *Believe means do, not just accept facts (James 1:27)*
 - *Change “Me” to “We”*
 - *Chose One person to be totally transparent (James 5:16)*
 - *Ask “Who is Lord in this relationship?”*

Quotes and Notes (Some good, some bad)

“I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.”

-John Wesley

“Let him who is not in community beware of being alone. Into the community you were called. ... If you scorn the fellowship of the brethren, you reject the call of Jesus Christ, and thus your solitude can only be hurtful.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*“God said: `it is time to tell the money you don’t belong to the wicked, you belong to us.`
Money come to me now!”*

-Pastor Leroy Thompson

