

Message Series: Unfiltered

Message Title: Is Jesus iconic?

Key Scripture:

Colossians 2:9, Isaiah 53:2, Psalm 24:3-6.

Theme

In one way, or another, everything we see is about image. Either the image of a person, the way of life being presented, or, the image of those being targeted. For humanity we have a problem based upon 'How it looks'. Which leads us to a belief that what's below the surface doesn't really count. Jesus is Unfiltered when it comes to representing God and becoming like him is where true holiness is found.

Message Summary

Introducing holiness to the church by not focusing on external images. The death of Jesus manifested not only God's love, but His holiness too. The call of the Christian life is that Jesus would be seen through you. It's an all-in life with no half measures. We assume serving God and living life in worship to God, means you won't enjoy life now. Instead, the Lord's blessing is you have a right relationship with God showing both his love and holiness. .

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk: Can you take the two drawing illustrations and evaluate the key concepts into your own life?

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

We are to pursue holiness together: 'they' 'people' this Psalm isn't about one person's journey, but a whole generation, 'now', imploring each other to seek God together. How do you do this in your fellowship?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

No one can live this life without Jesus at the centre. What you do • What you think • use Psalm 24 as the checklist – where are your hands & heart?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

How do you see your life? Not a part of it, your whole life. Are you surrendered to God in every part?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

We are proving to be more occupied with status and possessions, then with God, or people. We are more interested in experiences, looks, then over a daily encounter with God. Where would this help you to be more effective at reaching others?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

To ascend and stand presents, a fine picture of worship. It is a genuine attempt to seek God for himself. This is what protects you from giving your life to lesser pursuits. Q: How clean are my hands? How pure is my heart? What separates?