

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“Is Christianity Boring?”

Introduction

We’ve made it through our first section of our year-long series, *52*, based on the book *Quest 52* by Mark Moore. The first section was all about the person of Jesus. Our next section in *52* is based on the power of Jesus. Our first question in this new section, “Is Christianity boring?” We all say things or have heard things like “I’m not being fed” or “I haven’t heard from God.” This week’s teaching will help us understand what God has to say about seasons like that.

- Share your earliest memories of church, your favorite memory in church, or a time you got in trouble in church.

Seek the Word

- The Song of Solomon was a romantic love poem. Many church fathers, however, read it as an allegory of Christ and the church. Try that. Read Song of Solomon 5, and see what metaphors you could relate to your relationship with Christ.
- Read 2 Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:23, and Revelation 21:9. What can these verses teach us about how God views our relationship with Him?

Go Deeper

From any of our passages this week, pick one word to do a short word study on. Where else does it appear in Scripture? Are there any alternative meanings or synonyms to this word in the original language? Tools like a Bible concordance or Blue Letter Bible may be helpful.

Talk About It

- Have you seen church more as a celebration or an obligation?
- If there are married couples in your group, have them share when and where they got married and what their fondest memories are of their weddings. If there are single people in your group, if they imagine being married one day, ask what they envision their wedding will be like.
- Why do you think many people see church as boring or irrelevant?
- What could we do to change the perception that church is boring or irrelevant?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus is creative, compassionate, and brings change.

Challenge: Ask a friend who doesn’t go to church what would make it a place they may like to go.