

SERMON SERIES: When Your Way Isn't Working

Big Idea

When Your Way Isn't Working- Becoming Fully Known

Introduction

This week we are beginning our 6-week study of "When Your Way Isn't Working". Throughout this series, we are going to be diving deep into the Word to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be connected to God. Each week, your group will experience a sermon, a video teaching, and intentional group discussion questions that will both challenge you and help you grow. In the end, we hope that you can see that the fruit of your life has nothing to do with your *accomplishments* and everything to do with your *connections*. No matter what happens in this world, the greatest joy comes from staying close to the God who stays close to you.

- Icebreaker Questions
 - Group Introductions
 - If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?
 - If you could have a meal with anyone in history, who would it be and why?

Discussion Questions

Introduction

- Genesis 2:18 states, "It is not good for the man to be alone." How does this verse challenge the idea that a relationship with God alone is sufficient for human well-being?
- In what ways can loneliness affect our physical, emotional, and spiritual health?

Vulnerability and Authenticity

- Why is it often difficult to be vulnerable and ask for help, especially within a church setting?
- What are some practical steps we can take to move beyond "drive-by check-ins" to more meaningful, grace-filled conversations?

The Role of Friendship

- Read John 15:12-16
 - Jesus calls His disciples friends. What does this teach us about the nature of true friendship?
 - What qualities should we look for in a godly friend, and how can we develop these qualities in ourselves?

Intentionality in Relationships

- Discuss the difference between technological connections and real-life relationships. How can we prioritize face-to-face interactions in our busy lives?

Overcoming Loneliness

- What role does our LifeGroup participation play in combating loneliness and fostering a sense of belonging?

Spiritual Growth Through Community

- How does being known by others and by God contribute to our spiritual growth and well-being?

Going Deeper

Read Philippians 2:19-21

- How can we show genuine concern for others in our busy lives?
- What are some practical ways to slow down and be more present in our interactions?

Read Colossians 4:6

- How can we ensure our conversations are “full of grace” and meaningful?
- Have you ever had a conversation that significantly impacted your life? Share your experience.

Read 1 Samuel 23:15-16

- How can we be the kind of friends who help others find strength in God during difficult times?
- Share a time when a friend helped you find strength in God. How did it impact your faith?

Wrap Up

Reflection: Spend a few minutes in silent reflection, asking God to reveal areas where you need to grow in building authentic community.

Prayer: Close with a group prayer, asking for God’s guidance and strength to be intentional in your relationships.