- 1. Launchers: What is best "hidden" good you noticed someone doing recently?
- 2. Worship God for His integrity and generosity!!!

# 3. Sermon Reflection:

#### AN UNLIKELY PAIRING – Jesus' unexpected combination (God incarnate)

- What if the greatest king in Israel's history was subject to Jesus?
- The significance of Jesus' incarnation is not merely in how, but in "WHY."
  - How can the infinite God be killed to atone for His people? And why would He be?
- How have you resisted Jesus' claims on your life (in attitudes, time, relationships, or possessions)?
  - What area of your life have you given to Jesus' and been blessed?
  - What area of your life are you resisting Jesus' rule? Describe your experience of Him.

#### LIPSTICK ON A PIG – The Problem of Pretense

- How can we compensate for insecurities by attention-seeking behaviors?
- When have you seen someone publicly recognized for "good" while vicious conduct remained hidden?
- How have you been trained to focus on your image?
- In Psalm 51 King David declares that God desires "truth in the secret heart".
  - O How is your secret heart? Does truth and integrity dwell there?

### VS. THE REAL DEAL - real generosity and true recognition

- Why is it so appealing to see catch someone in the act of doing good?
- True Spirit-Power belongs to those for whom Jesus is their greatest treasure.
  - O What ignites your Spirit-Powered life?
  - O What is your favorite Jesus-Treasuring habit?

## 4. Kingdom Centered Prayer:

- 1. Worship the LORD for His integrity and generosity. Praise and adore Him that, in Christ, He embodies everything He calls us to be.
- 2. How have you resisted Jesus' claims on your life (in attitudes, time, relationships, or possessions)? Confess your lack of integrity to Jesus asking Him to forgive you and change your heart to be genuinely whole.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus, *our Lord* that He was willing to take on human nature and suffer to save us. Thank Him for literally giving everything on the Cross that we might be filled with all His integrity and grace.
- 4. Who do you know that seeks attention rather than noticing others; who works for their own advancement without caring for anyone else? Ask the Lord to help them instead to use their influence to serve others.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to spend time privately with the LORD in His Word and in prayer. Pray for the Spirit's work to grow in you an ever-increasing sense of fullness because of His Presence in your heart.

### 5. Mission: Jesus Treasuring leads to Spirit-Powered living.

Think through your week. Think about your meetings and folks you get to be with this week.

- How can you help those around you Treasure-Jesus?
- What do you need to do to enjoy more Spirit-Powered living?
- How do you encourage other in this same Spirit-Powered living?