

1. **Launcher: Thinking relationally, what do you do to connect with people?**

2. **Worship God – Colossians 2:6-10**

Worship the LORD, our Maker and Husband, for His holy, redeeming love. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for how He would open Himself to, and devote Himself to, sinners like us.

3. **Sermon Reflection: “Gospel Fluency, Devotional Love”**

Not A Task, But A Relationship

- What are the essential components of a healthy relationship?
- Why is there *crypto* in true romance? What about that makes it **true**?
- What does it tell you about God that prayer is essentially relational, not a checkbox or task? (Where do you think you get your created instinct to *connect*?)

Impressing the Wrong Audience

- What makes a hypocrite a play-actor? What are we trying to gain in our heart of hearts when we play-act? (It’s from the Garden)
- What is the shocking dissonance found in the pharisees when talking to Jesus? How is the same true of us?
- Do you have the capacity to be in the presence of greatness and totally miss it? In what ways does that show up in your day-to-day life?

The Approval That Changes Everything

- Our self-interest is a result that we haven’t been rendered secure. Therefore, why is the quest for the Father’s reward so significant?
- What is the only explanation to the scandal of the Gospel? To an adoption of strangers like us?
- What are the means in which we commune with God and enjoy our reward of connection from Him?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

- I. Worship the LORD, our Maker and Husband, for His holy, redeeming love. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for how He would open Himself to, and devote Himself to, sinners like us.
- II. How have you lived as if the attention of others would be so much more desirable than the attention of the Lord? Confess your pride and conceit to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal your heart to be truly loving.
- III. Give thanks to Jesus how He worked, that He Himself IS our peace. Thank Him for being willing to be cursed so we could be blessed; to lose His Father’s loving smile so that we could gain it.
- IV. Who do you know that is wholly committed to impressing other people while before Jesus they would be utterly humiliated? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to HIS surpassing love and worth instead.
- V. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear you in you His fruit of love and faithfulness. Pray that He would motivate you and sustain you to take advantage of the access you have to the Lord in prayer, in His Word, and in time with His people.

5. **Mission: We are on mission to enjoy each and every day the rich abundance of what it means to be God’s children. We get to respond to his grace and adoption, what a joy!**