

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon **What is That Smell?** ***Mark 3:1-6***

3 Lessons

1. Don't be stubborn towards Jesus; instead do good to others daily.
2. Know that you are being watched, and don't let it bother you.
3. Do the right thing and speak the truth, even if it triggers those who hate Jesus.

Notes:

Digging Deeper Into the Message

Choose one of the following passages, and go through the exercise questions. *Bonus points – do the exercise for all three!

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:30-32

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?” –2 Corinthians 2:14-16

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.” –John 15:18-20

1. Rewrite the passage in your own words.
2. Read the passage again and underline the most important word/words in each sentence.
3. Look up the definitions for the words you underlined. Write the definitions and include synonyms.
4. Now summarize the MAIN IDEA of the passage in one sentence.
5. Write everything you learn about God from the passage.
6. Write everything you learn about people from the passage.
7. Write 2 ways you can apply the passage to your life today.

Community Group

Icebreaker: If you were on the men’s retreat – tell us your story (the one you rehearsed) in one or two minutes. OR How have you been doing with Pastor Mike’s challenge (from 2 Sundays ago) to practice remembering the presence of Jesus in your life?

Discussion Questions: Someone recap the Mark text from last Sunday (Read Mark 3:1-6 if no one remembers).

- ❖ Read the first point on the MAP. Now have 2-3 people read Ephesians 4:30-32. Do you have any bitterness or anger towards a *person* or *situation* right now? What does it do to the Spirit of God when you hold onto these things (according to the verse)? If it’s a person, how can you forgive them from your heart and reconcile? If it’s a situation, what can you do to change the situation, and what can you do to change your attitude towards it?
- ❖ Read the second point on the MAP. Now have 2-3 people read 2 Cor. 2:14-16. What does this verse mean? Who is watching us because we are Christians? Can people tell that you are a Christian by the way you treat people?
- ❖ Read the last point on the MAP and John 15:18-20. How can you apply this to your life this week?

Application: How can you speak the truth *in love* (and not on social media!) this week?