

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: Addicted to Likes - Not Their Likes, but His Love

What is this message about?

How would our life be different if we stopped worrying about what others thought with regard to what we say and do? The practice of basing our personal value on the opinion of others seems to be ingrained into us at a very early age. Nurture plays a huge role and our assessment of ourselves. Wouldn't it be great if we based our personal worth on the opinion of the most important influence in our lives and that influencer was willing to overlook our shortcomings? Wouldn't it be awesome if this most important person considered us so valuable that they would die for us?

Well, we are in luck! The God we serve considers us "a chosen people,^(c) a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession." Jesus, the ultimate influencer in our lives, chose to become one of us so that He could restore our broken relationship with God. He died for us so that the things that blocked us from truly understanding who we are (sin and selfishness) would be forgiven and erased. We could become a "new creation", blameless and perfect in God's eyes.

How do we accept and apply this new understanding? Stop chasing their likes and look to His love to feed, fill, satisfy, and truly make us whole.

- What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?
- Why do you think the opinion of others is so important to us?
- Read Psalm 139:14; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Peter 2:9: What do these verses tell us about God's opinion of you and I?
- What are some practical ways we can begin transitioning from basing our self-worth on the opinions of people to believing our value is based on the assessments of God?

Digging deeper:

Psalm 139:14; Isaiah 43:1; Luke 12:6-7; John 10:10; Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:5; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 3:1

Do something about it:

Spend time in God's Word. Take time to look up each of the verses above and read the context around them. Look for other stories and passages that talk about God's great love for us. In your prayer time, thank God for choosing you and ask Him to help you to truly see yourself as He sees you. Pick a favorite, "God loves me" verse and display it in a prominent place to remind you, each day that you are not only loved, but valuable enough to die for.