



WEEK 2 - NOT A CASUAL COMMUNITY - MESSAGE BY CHAD BRUEGMAN

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer this question:

What is your favorite thing about the fall season and why?

SHARE

Welcome to our teaching series called "Tailgating."

If you have ever been tailgating before a football game, you will recognize a few important differences between the casual fans and the sold-out fans. Sold out fans love tailgating, the game isn't enough, these fans need extra hours prior to the game to chest bump, cheer, eat, and talk about their team. The sold-out fans aren't afraid to let everyone else around them know whom they follow and no matter what the score may be, they aren't going anywhere. The casual fan, however, tends to blend into the crowd and from the outside, you're not really sure what side they are cheering for because they rarely speak up or wear anything in public in which they would be recognized as sold-out fans.

Jesus called us to be fanatical, sold-out followers. If we are to truly follow Jesus, we will do the things that Jesus modeled for us to do. One of the greatest commands he gave his disciples was to "Go into all the world and make disciples." Not just go and make converts, but actual "disciples" who are in the ongoing process of being developed and learning to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, with the hope to become more and more like Christ.

Read:
1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Why do you think a foundation is so important to the strength of a building?

According to scripture, can you build on just any foundation?

Scripture tells us that every believer's work will be revealed for what it truly is in the end.

How does hearing that impact you?

The Holman New Testament Commentary talks about the importance of foundations:

Why should the builders of the church have been careful? Paul answered first by reminding the Corinthians that their foundation had already been laid. Paul had set the foundation of the church at Corinth when he had initially brought them the gospel of Christ. No builder of the church should try to lay **any foundation other than ... Jesus Christ**.

Paul implied what he had already stated plainly: some leaders of the Corinthian church had begun to replace the church's true foundation. They were not careful to build on the gospel of the crucified Christ, but they tried to found the church on human wisdom and pretense. Any church leader who substitutes human imaginations for the true gospel of Christ has set aside the only acceptable foundation for the church.

Builders must also show caution because God will reward church leaders according to the work they accomplish. Because Paul spoke of **any man**, his words apply to every believer. But they form a direct warning to church leadership.

GROW

There is no other foundation for the church besides Jesus Christ. In a world that relentlessly tells us that there are other foundations to build your life on, we can be led astray from what is true. The same goes for the church; there is no other foundation besides Jesus Christ and how we build is of utmost importance. We must relentlessly point to Jesus Christ and continually call every believer back to a passionate, intimate relationship with Jesus. Every day, we need to remind ourselves of the Gospel because it is easy to lose sight of what is important.

So what is important? One of the important things that we heard in the message this week was the crucial importance of a community built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. It is different than a group of people just hanging out; lots of people do that. The church is a body of believers; it is made up of people. The church is not a building. We are a missional community made up of brothers and sisters that make much of Jesus Christ. By nature, we were designed for community and God uses community to shape and develop believers in amazing ways.

Let's read Hebrews 10:1-25

Hebrews tells us, "For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." God has made those of us who believe...perfect! Yet, we are also being made holy. This is what we call "progressive sanctification," meaning that we are made perfect in Christ, yet we are in an ongoing process of being made holy. Day by day, we are maturing, being refined and becoming more like Jesus Christ. It is a powerfully freeing thing to grasp that truth.

According to scripture, what was the "one sacrifice" that has made us (believers) perfect?

Why do you think we are all encouraged to keep meeting together?

Why is purposeful and ongoing community with believers important to becoming more like Jesus?

MOVE

At Red Rocks Church, we believe that life change happens best when we are engaged in community with other believers. We believe in doing life together in small groups. Doing life together is part of the discipleship process, it is what Jesus did with his disciples, it was a life saturated with the Gospel, both building each other up, loving, serving, but also reaching out to those who don't know Christ at the very same time. One of the important things to understand is that we need to approach community with humility and grace. None of us are perfect; we have all fallen short, so that should free us up to share our struggles.

Take a look at the following verses that talk about how we are to live alongside one another as Christ followers:

Love one another (John 13:34, 15:12)

Outdo one another in showing honor (Romans 12:10)

Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)

Comfort and agree with one another (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Serve one another (John 13:1-20; Galatians 5:13)

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)

Be honest with one another (Colossians 3:9)

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Confess to one another (James 5:16)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Which of these do you tend to struggle with most?

Which of these do you find to be most important to you in your community

PRAY

As a group, spend some time praying for each other and the struggles that we all face. If you are in a co-ed group, consider breaking up into men and women's groups to talk more freely.

TO GO

Colossians 3:3

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.