

**Sunday Sermon Review: Week of July 18th, 2021**

**Sermon Series: The Book of Acts**

**Sermon: Uncommon Commonality**

**Speaker: Pastor Mike Campbell**

## **Icebreaker**

- There is nothing common about the kingdom of God, but it's through our common practices that we see God more and transform us - practices like meeting together in prayer and fellowship in a small group! How have you seen these common things produce an uncommon life with God?

## **Conversation Starters and Sermon Review**

### **I. Uncommon Faith**

- The apostles had an uncommon faith because of the many uncommon things they saw Jesus do and say. What are some things you've seen in your life that helped you have the same uncommon faith?
- Read **Hebrews 11:1**. Faith is the things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. In this season of life, what are things hoped for and not yet seen that you are trusting God for by faith?
  - What are some things you can see and you believe in? What are some things you can not see but still believe in?
- Having a church family that helps us grow in God is very important to the Christian walk. The people we seek advice from have a tremendous influence over us. Who do you go to for spiritual advice and why?
- What have you believed was impossible for God? Why is that impossible for God?

- Read **Romans 12:3** How does this faith differ from our society's views of faith?

## II. **Uncommon Unity**

- Read **Ephesians 4:3** Are those you do life with promoting unity in your groups or do they point out the differences and cause division?
- Read **Philippians 1:27** How do we do this when we disagree with important people in our lives? How can we stay unified when we disagree?
- Unity requires believers to cling to the core things of the faith and recognize that secondary things are indeed secondary. Are there any dogmas you are clinging to (political, cultural, or even theological) that compromise your ability to be one with the whole body of Christ?
- Read **John 17:20-23**. Jesus prays for our unity as well, how does this impart how you value unity in the church?

## III. **Uncommon Witness.**

- To witness is simply to tell others about our relationship with the Lord. How will you share about your relationship with Jesus this week?
- Have you struggled to believe in hearing another's testimony? What about their testimony is hard to believe?
- It is through the goodness of God that we are brought to repentance, by sharing our testimony we are able to shed light on God's goodness in our lives today and invite others to experience the same. How have you shared your story?
- Do you believe your story is common? Why is what our uncommon God done in your life common?

#### **IV. Uncommon Generosity.**

- God everything, what are you willing to share and not willing to share. Why is that?
- Where does your giving come from? Is it out of reverence to God or obligation because you know that we should?
- Nothing is truly our own; we are only stewards of what God has given us. When we work for something so hard over a long period of time do you struggle to realize though we worked to get it, it still belongs to God?
- A mindset of unity leads us to view our economic resources as available to meet others' needs. Have your material needs ever been met by the body of Christ? How can you care for the needs of the body of Christ?

### **Act On It**

#### **Encourage:**

Remember that we serve an uncommon, great, unique God. He has made all of us uniquely for his own purpose. God has been faithful to us, his creation, his children. Though we do not always see, we can still believe in the love from our unseen Father. This world has been promoting us to choose sides or identify with a certain societal or political group but let us first identify with our Father, identify as sons and daughters of the living God and take the side of scripture over all things.

#### **Ask:**

Ask God to help you believe in what you can not see. Ask God to help us come together and identify first as followers of Christ before anything this

world has labeled us. Help us Father to speak of the life you have given us, so that we can proclaim your goodness to those who are living without you in their lives. Give us Lord the confidence in you to meet all our needs so that we can give generously as we are called to do.

### **Challenge:**

At the end of his sermon Pastor Mike Campbell left us a few questions:

1. Are you growing in this uncommon faith?
2. Are you dwelling with this uncommon unity with God and with your Church?
3. Are you speaking out with this uncommon witness so others know of His goodness?
4. Are you operating in generosity with this uncommon possessions mentality?

If these things are difficult, find one person to go alongside you.

Find a John to your Peter!

## **Prayer Request and Prayer**

Father, thank you for all that you do. Thank you, the true God of this world, for you created all things uniquely working together with their own individual purposes. None other than you could have done this. Above the animals on the land, above the creatures in the sea, even above the angels above you love us Lord. Of all creation in its beauty we are the one with your image Lord. Let us be a reflection of you in the world. Help us to embody the character of Christ, to follow his example and share who you are with those who do not yet know you. While the time is short, let us use the time we have to glorify you God, Come Jesus Come, Amen!