

Uncommon life series
Week 2 outline
John 2:13-25
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HOW TO CARE LESS

HOW TO CARE LESS ABOUT WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US,
AND CARE MORE ABOUT WHAT OTHERS NEED FROM US

I. The Common Life at the Table

A. We Validate

- we seek approval in all the wrong places and want a seat at the table at all costs
- it makes us desperate for approval from others
- and quick to disapprove of others

B. We Curate

- we construct a persona we want others to see of ourselves: the perfect picture of who we think we should be
 - We use filters... our lives become inauthentic and don't resemble who God created
 - where others praise is used to validate our personal achievements, rather than maturing in our faith and growing as follower who look more like Jesus
 - OR we use *NO* filter...making us disingenuous in our authenticity.
 - where others sympathy is used to validate our personal reactions, rather than maturing in our faith and growing as followers of Jesus.
- Both are rooted in seeking the approval of men rather than seeking the approval of God.

C. We Isolate

- We isolate ourselves from relationships that are intimate, authentic, or genuine
- it keeps us from caring and loving others with an uncommon grace
- in the end we find ourselves sitting at the table all alone

WHEN OUR VALIDATION COMES FROM OTHERS
WE CURATE FALSE IMAGES OF OURSELVES
AND ISOLATE OURSELVES FROM OTHERS

II. Jesus Gives Us a New Way to an UNcommon Life (Jn 2:23-45)

24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

#1: Seek then Approval of God not Man (Gal 1:10)

-we stop seeing ourselves through the lens of the approval of others but in the fullness of How God sees us through the gospel

THE COMMON LIFE IS DICTATED BY THE APPROVAL OF OTHERS
AN UNCOMMON LIFE FINDS VALIDATION FROM OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

#2. Entrust Our Lives in the Gospel of Jesus (ROMANS 8:9, EPH 1:13-14)

In All Things God is at Work... conforming us into the image of his Son

- if we are foreknown then we are predestined
- if we are predestined then we are called
- if we are called then we are also justified
- if we are justified then we will also be glorified.

THE COMMON LIFE STRIVES TO CURATE AN IMAGE OF ONESELF
AN UNCOMMON LIFE IS BEING CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

#3. Invest with Transparency, Authenticity, and Genuineness

- a. Risk it: Become Transparent with One
 - God
- b. Live it: Become Authentic with a Few
 - take real steps toward intimacy in community with others.
 - Invest and engage in a LIFEgroup with people who are also following Jesus and be intentional with your faith
- c. Love it: Become Genuine with All:
 - engaging in the world around you free from finding your worth from others
 - influencing as the aroma of Christ
 - investing with eyes fixed on things above

WHAT TABLES ARE WE STRIVING TO SIT AT
THAT JESUS WOULD HAVE OVERTURNED?