



Jesus: Greater Than – Our Rules

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Key Verses: Colossians 2:16-3:17

Talk Summary

The people in Colossae were used to engaging with God, or gods, in a transactional way... obeying rules to tick boxes. When they became Christians, they carried that with them. They began to judge each other for what rules they obeyed and how they lived. Paul wrote a letter to say, “Woah! Life in Jesus isn’t about ticking boxes, or creating rules to follow. It’s about a full heart transformation from living as a disconnected slave to fear and rules, to a heart-connected relationship with the God of love who gives us a new life in him. Our choices and behaviour flows out of that.”

Small Group Questions

- What is your experience of Christianity being about “do’s and don’ts”?
- Why do you think we as people tend towards focusing on rules rather than hearts?
- Paul’s describes how we need to “put down” and “take off” our old selves and “put on” Christ. How do we do that in normal life?

To ponder or pray about this week

What in your life is dragging you to keep trapped in the rules rather than flourishing in relationship?