

Being Christian in a Hostile World Sermon Series

Week Two (9/19/21): Big Elmo Cake and Jesus

Scripture Text: 2 Peter 1:5-8

What's the difference between "virtue development," "rule keeping," and "you do you"? While these are each ways that we can live, the Bible tells us that we have a big responsibility for our own spiritual formation. And that formation and the process of becoming more like Jesus is an intentional, lifelong process of virtue development.

Sermon Points:

1. Becoming like Jesus is an intentional, lifelong process of virtue formation
2. Virtues are formed by developing habits and mirroring models

Discussion Question Options:

- Discuss your birthday traditions and how they developed in your family? Are there ways you could infuse birthdays with a higher vision for God's ways?
- The Bible tells us that we have a big responsibility for our own spiritual development (2 Peter 1:5, Hebrews 12:1, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Colossians 3:1-2). Do you feel your current routine reflects a "make every effort" approach to your spiritual development?
- As we seek to live our lives well, what is the difference between "virtue development" vs. "rule-keeping" or living as "you do you?" What role do your daily routines play in this?
- Describe someone that's been a role model to you. If Jesus is given as a role model for our lives, what are some ways you are following Jesus' example?