

SERMON NOTES

Date: April 29, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: Bloom Where You're Planted

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Big Idea: Godliness isn't necessarily achieved by making radical changes to our circumstances, but by learning to be content in the midst of them.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-24, where Paul counsels those who think they are in the wrong situation in life. How does Paul explain and illustrate the “rule” that applies to such people? _____

Paul speaks of God calling us to a certain situation (v. 17, 24) and of God calling us while we were in that situation (v. 18-22). How are these two dimensions of calling different? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What is one circumstances you wish you change about your life to bring you more happiness? _____

According to the following passages, why can you still love and serve Christ faithfully even if this circumstance never changes (Matthew. 6:25-34; 1 Timothy 1:6-8; Hebrews 13:5)? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Think about a circumstance in your life you really want to change and evaluate it considering the following questions.

How does God’s sovereignty help you grow to become content in this circumstance? _____

How can you be faithful to Christ and your calling in this circumstance? (faith + obedience = faithfulness)

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Being content isn’t something that’s easy to do alone. Share your struggle with a trusted person who will commit to lifting you up in prayer and help you bloom where you’re planted.