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Essential Jesus for Unsettled Days – No Prisoners

Summary: Pastors have two primary jobs: guarding and gardening. They are to heap on the fertilizer of God’s Word and guard against bad doctrine. In this chapter of Colossians, Pastor Paul guards by naming the dangerous doctrines that are invading the church.

Scripture – Psalm 1; Matthew 7:24-27, 15:8-9, 4:1-10; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 2:1-2, 6:12; John 12:31; 1 John 5:19; Galatians 4:3; Romans 8:38, 6:1-23; Revelation 12:11; 2 Timothy 1:7

Community Group Questions

Philosophy

- How can overemphasis on philosophy challenge the importance of faith?
- How might having a higher status make you less likely to challenge the status quo?
- “Common sense is like air, the higher you go the less there is.”

Empty Deceit

- What are some of the deceits/Satanic lies that our culture is buying into?
- What is the importance of knowing, “the only person I can change is me”?
- “We grow by nutrition not addition. Eat this book (Bible).” Discuss

Human Tradition

- “Remember you are not a human doing; you’re a human being.”
- How do you keep traditions (bowing your head during prayer, baptism classes, singing songs before the teaching, etc.) from becoming doctrine? (Matt. 15:8-9)

Elemental Spirits

- “The very air we breathe is poisoned.” (Ephesians 2:1-2)
- Read Matthew 4:1-11 and discuss.
- “Jesus, Paul, and Job were attacked because they were light...sometimes we get attacked because we are the brightest light.”
- Do you trust God is good and generous?