

New Wine

DISCOVERING THE MANY FLAVORS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH



SERIES OVERVIEW: New Wine

"Incarnational Tradition"

Preacher: Pastor Eugene Kim

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SUGGESTED SUPPLIES

Note cards (or paper) and pens.

QUESTIONS?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HOW TO USE: *The three sections below (opening, sermon content questions, and application) represent the three connections we emphasize at Highrock: connecting to **God's People**, connecting to **God Personally**, and connecting to **God's Purposes**. Select at least one question from each section or create questions that are more specific to your group.*

WEEKLY CHECK IN

Use a few minutes at the beginning of your time to follow up on any action items shared from last week. Was there a **next step or application** challenge that they took on this past week? What did they learn about themselves and following Jesus?

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

Choose ONE of these that fits your group, or modify it so that it will fit your group better. These can make great **opening questions** or **ending questions**. If you have had a really in-depth conversation, ending on a light note can help transition to concluding your time Together on a less intense question.

1. Do you ever feel like God is abstract and far away?
2. When have you known things in your head about God and still had difficulty feeling loved by God?

SERMON QUESTIONS

Use a **couple of the questions** below or make up your own. You can always begin with: “Do you have any questions about what you heard in the sermon this week?” Or, “What stood out to you from the Pastor’s sermon?”

1. When you hear the word “incarnation” what comes to your mind?
2. What has been your past experience with the Christian incarnational tradition?
3. Do you tend to think of God as more divine than human? What difference might it make for you to focus on Jesus’ humanity as well as his divinity?
4. What do you make of the following quotes from the sermon?
 - a. **Sermon Reference:** *Christianity is a uniquely ‘down to earth’ spirituality because we believe God himself literally walked on earth! He got dirty and smelly like the rest of us! . . . The incarnation is the ultimate affirmation of flesh and matter. It’s a consecration of physical bodies and everything it means to be human. It means God is no longer distant and unapproachable or separate from our experience.*
5. How does communion connect you to God and one another? How does your physical body hold the Presence of Jesus?
 - a. **Sermon Reference:** *Jesus instituted communion as a joining together, a union of the physical and the spiritual. If physical bread and wine can hold the very presence of Jesus and He instructs us to take and eat it, then it means OUR physical bodies can also hold the very presence of Jesus! We are the Body of Christ!*
6. What does it mean to you that God is present in your reality and the reality of this world?
 - a. **Sermon Reference:** *The incarnational tradition practices an ‘embodied’ spirituality. It holds that the spiritual is both hidden and revealed in the material, in what we can see, hear, touch, taste, and smell . . . Christianity is much more than ideas and feelings. Christianity is the pursuit of God in reality itself, in earth, water, and sky, in plants, animals, and ecosystems, in all humans made in his image, in cultures, art, and music, and even technology.*

APPLICATION/S

1. What would it be like for you to live as Pastor Eugene suggested in the quote below?
2. How would noticing the reality that “the Lord is in it” impact your attitudes, motivations, and relationship to this world?
 - a. **Sermon Reference:** *The way you got from your home to this place: the Lord is in it. Whatever you do most of the day during the week: the Lord is in it. The warmth of friendship and family: the Lord is in it. The air you breathe, the coffee you drink, the chair you sit on, the neighborhood you live in, the laughter, the tears: the Lord is in it all*

CLOSING

Summarize the key points of your discussion and encourage people to **share one action step** they could take during the next week based on what they have shared. **Take time to pray together.** Write those down and start next week by checking in with how it went, or better yet, check in during the week!

RESOURCES

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: 5Cs

If you are interested in studying the scripture more deeply, one method is to use the 5 Cs. Read through the passage and move through each C. The goal is not to move through them quickly, but to really consider each section. If you wanted to study the passage together, you, as the leader should take some time beforehand to complete the Cs and it can be helpful to have group members come prepared with the first 3 already considered. Then, as a group, you can briefly talk over some of the points and have a longer conversation about curiosities and conclusions. This study tool will be posted within all of the discussion questions.

- **Context:** What is the literary context of the passage? What comes before? After? Context within whole book? Relation to main idea of section, book, testament, whole Bible?
- **Christ:** How is Jesus revealed here? If in OT, prefiguration, typology, prophesy, implications for Christ's person and work? How is he needed, anticipated, fulfilled?
- **Crux:** What is the main idea? Try and find a section of the text that states it and have reasons for why that is the main idea? How do the other points support it?
- **Curiosities:** What is surprising about this text? Controversial? Mysterious? Shocking?
- **Conclusions:** What are the implications for our lives? Application? How do we think, feel, and act in light of this text?

READING THE BIBLE

[Pastor Dave has provided a few suggestions](#) for Bible reading plans, daily devotionals, and Bible commentaries to help you understand God's Word as you familiarize yourself with it.