

A First Church Christmas: An Ancient Christmas - An Ancient Servant

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-4

READ Isaiah 42:1-4 but first read Isaiah 41:29. As Pastor Shaen pointed out, verse 29 sets the stage talking about the delusion of idols.

1. What are some idols in today's society, and how are they meaningless like empty wind?
 - Even as a Christian, what are some signs that something or someone might be becoming an idol to us?
2. MAIN IDEA: Jesus is the ancient servant to save modern-day idolaters.
 - Why is it important to understand that although "He came to serve and not to be served" (Mark 10:45), that He is God's servant, not our servant?
3. 4 Characteristic of the Ancient Servant, Jesus Christ:
4. Who Serves Significantly
 - Vs. 1 - God chose Jesus, His beloved Son, and He will bring forth justice to the nations. How has Jesus shown us a life of deciphering right from wrong, free from idols, and devoted to God?
5. Who Serves Gently
 - Vs. 3 - Jesus should be angry with us but yet does "not break a bruised reed" or "quench a faintly burning wick". How does this influence how you view God and Jesus?
 - Share if you ever felt bruised and faint that Jesus gently came to pick up the pieces and heal you.
6. Who Serves Eternally
 - Vs 4 - Jesus is patient. On a meter of 1-10, how is your patience with others?
 - How can our idols make us less patient with our family, friends, or at work?
7. Who Serves Universally
 - Vs. 4 We can rejoice because Jesus serves and died for all people.
 - Christmas is the perfect time to show others the love of Jesus. What are some tangible ways we can share our faith to our neighbors, co-workers, friends, family, etc.
8. Pray together that God helps us to understand areas in our lives that we are controlling, and then trust Him to be bigger than we are.