

ANCIENT RHYTHMS

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SERIES OVERVIEW:

Bible Study. Prayer. Fasting. Silence & Solitude. Worship. Evangelism & Story. These ancient rhythms have marked the Christian faith since the beginning of the Church. They are means of grace gifted to us by God so that we might know Him and make Him known. How can these ancient rhythms shape our personal lives and our corporate body today? Join us as we rediscover ancient rhythms of the faith.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

THE GOSPEL SAYS THAT YOU ARE WHAT JESUS CAN MAKE YOU.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL: JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

THERE IS NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL. NO ONE COMES TO GOD EXCEPT BY JESUS, BUT WE ALL ENCOUNTER JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

YOU CAN'T FAKE A FAITH STORY - AND JESUS IS ALWAYS THE HERO.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Pastor Brannon reminds us that the Gospel says you are what Jesus can make you, not what life's circumstances try to make you. Why do you think this was important for Peter to understand? Why is it important for you to understand this as well?
- In Acts 8, we read the story of the Ethiopian eunuch. We are reminded again that ***"In Jesus, the Gospel turns foreigners into neighbors."*** Have you experienced this reality in your own life? How can we help others see this same reality in their lives?

- ***"No one comes to God except through Jesus, but we all encounter Jesus for the first time in different ways."***
 - How do the different types of faith stories we unpacked Sunday help us understand the various spaces and places Jesus has entrusted to us individually and communally?
 - Do you struggle to feel like you have to relate/communicate to everyone the same way?
 - How can you pray for peace & understanding with the specific spaces and people Jesus has entrusted you?
- How do these five types of stories (& others) help us learn to listen for how Jesus is working in an individual in a specific way?
- Brannon gives us practical next steps to sharing your faith story. "The power of a faith story doesn't lie in its perfection, it lies in the power of its sincerity."

How to tell your faith story:

1. Be honest about your "before Christ" self.
2. Be sure that you trust Christ
3. Ask, "Is this personal?"
4. Show and tell
5. Practice makes powerful

FINAL THOUGHTS:

As we continue on this journey, we would love to help you in any way we can. If you are wondering what next steps are right for you, please reach out, and we'd love to have a conversation with you or your group about the season you are in and the places Jesus has entrusted to you as you seek to be formed by His Word.

Meet with a Pastor: <https://ncchapel.churchcenter.com/people/forms/551596>