



Connect Study

Core Value #5 : INTENTIONAL

Numbers 25:1-18



Sermon Points

Old Testament:

a. Points us to Jesus

Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:27)

b. Gives us examples and warnings as believers

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

(1 Corinthians 10:6-8, 14)

1. Our ruthless enemies

(Cf. Exodus 20:1-3, Exodus 34:11-16)

2. Our Holy God

3. Our zealous priest

4. Our enduring example

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Discussion Starter

What would you say an *intentional* life looks like?

From the Bible

1. Note the Christian's three great enemies (the world, the flesh and the devil) in Ephesians 2:1-3.
2. What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments? Cf. Exodus 20:2, Deuteronomy 4:6-8

3. How did the devil tempt the Israelite men ultimately to idolatry? Have you seen the same progression in today's world?
4. What did Phinehas' actions achieve? (v11-13) How does this point us to Jesus?

Think it through

1. How is Phinehas an example to us?

Phinehas' actions were not personal vengeance, but a priest in the Old Testament (the legitimate authority) acting swiftly as the community's judge.

2. How is the world's sexual standards opposed to God's standards?
3. How can we as God's people be more intentional for God at church, at home, at work or varsity, with friends, with family and in our sphere of influence?

Pray

Prayer for the week:

Heavenly Father,

You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken Your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of Your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

According to Forbes Magazine creating an intentional culture, is built from the bottom up around your core values that act as a strong foundation for everything else.

Intentional



In every situation we are purposeful ambassadors for Christ in thought, word and deed.
(2 Corinthians 5:20)

Core values



Love
Service
Integrity
Missional
Intentional
Unity in diversity
Bible & gospel centred