SERMON GUIDE

Ecclesia: The Church in the Public Square



Check out the TJC Weekend Recap podcast for a more in-depth look at our sermons each week!

The podcast is available on all streaming platforms!



- How was your week? What is one thing you're grateful for and one thing that challenged you?
- How did you grow in obedience to Christ over the last week?
- Where did you go to share the gospel or have a spiritual conversation with someone?
- What is a sin you have been struggling with that you need to repent of?



REVIEW

- Have someone from your group read the passage that Dr. Mohler preached from, preferably twice.
- Additional Scripture
 - Matthew 5:13-16
 - Acts 5:17-42
 - Acts 17:22-31
 - Romans 13:1-7
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-2
 - Jude 3
 - 1 Peter 2:12
- What big takeaways did you have from the sermon?
 - What did this teach you about God?
 - What did this teach you about man?
 - What did this teach you about salvation?

DISCUSS

- How did Dr. Mohler describe the church's role in the public square?
- How can the church build up itself to engage the world around us?
- What is a practical step you can take as a result of this sermon?

MEMORIZE

 Jude 3 – Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.



- **BUILD UP:** How will you be built up this week? We have several discipleship opportunities for you to participate in.
 - Life Groups are a time and place to connect and learn to better follow Jesus together
 while abiding in Him. Life Groups are the primary means of disciple-making at TJC. Our
 groups focus on connecting, learning, following, and abiding. Groups meet weekly on
 various days/times across Wilson County. Contact Morgan Cates (morgan@tjclive.com)
 for more information.
 - MDWK is a time of education and growth in order to build up the Journey Church body.
 We offer a handful of intentionally chosen classes that cover a broad range of topics and are taught by quality teachers from within our congregation. Classes are at 6:30p every Wednesday. Contact Morgan Cates (morgan@tjclive.com) for more information.
 - TJC Women seeks to equip women to be rooted in the Word of God and bold in their faith. Our events and small groups focus on letting the gospel shape all spheres of our lives. Gather is the first Saturday of every month. Contact Laura DiLeonardi (laura@tjclive.com) for more information.
 - TJC Men exists to equip men to show Jesus as incomparably glorious in every sphere of their lives. The men's ministry meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00a in the student center. Contact Morgan Cates (morgan@tjclive.com) for more information.
 - TJC Students is passionate to see every parent equipped, every leader developed, and every student discipled into baptized, self-feeding, disciple making followers of Jesus who are letting the gospel shape every sphere of their lives. Our student ministry meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00p-7:30p for MDWK worship and Sunday mornings at 8:30a and 10:00a for small group. Contact Larry Davis (larry@tjclive.com) for more information.
 - TJC Kids believes that the Gospel saves, sanctifies, gathers and sends. It is our desire to see our kids understand that the Gospel truly does change everything and we will do this primarily by teaching our kids to love Jesus, showing them they can have fun in the process, and making sure they stay safe. Contact Nick Judd (nick@tjclive.com) for more information.
 - TJC Young Adults exists to equip young adults ages 18 to 29 in becoming passionate followers of Jesus who enter their life in Christ. We do this through intentional relationships, fellowship, and worship centered around the gospel. The Fount meets Tuesdays at 7:00p. Contact Hunter Christian (hunter@tjclive.com) for more information.

- **SEND OUT:** How do you plan to be sent out to engage the world around you? We have several opportunities for local and international missions.
 - For the City: Acts 1:8 calls us to be engaged where we live and among the nations. The people of TJC seek to bring truth, grace, and hope to Lebanon and the surrounding area by mobilizing the church to be salt and light, not only for the city, but for your city. Take part in faithfully and obediently using your gifts to declare God's glory among those who are hopeless living among you today. Contact Jeff Long (jeff@tjclive.com) for more information.
 - For the Nations: At TJC we exist to show Jesus as incomparably glorious to Lebanon and beyond. We are ambitious and passionate about strategically taking an active role in finishing the Great Commission as we actively pursue the unreached peoples of the world by mobilizing the entire church to pray, send, go and welcome international friends among us. Contact Shawn Casto (shawn@tjclive.com) for more information.

PRAY

- Pray over any request from your group members.
- Pray for our staff: Timo Serrano (Facilities Director)
- o **Pray for our replanters:** Christ's Fellowship
- Pray for our short-term teams:
 - Southeast Asia Team departing on March 7, 2025
 - Europe Team departing on March 21, 2025
 - Southeast Asia Team departing on May 25, 2025
 - Kenya Summer Trip departing on May 25, 2025
- Pray for our long-term units on the mission field:
 - The Wilsons
 - The Grays
 - The Starks
- **Pray for the unreached.** Want to keep up with Unreached People Groups? Download the Unreached of the Day App https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/app