

Series: Just Jesus
Passage: Colossians 3:5-11
Speaker: Pastor Jon

THE LIFE CHALLENGE

CONNECT

How do you deal with (or not deal with) purging or cleaning up your stuff? Do you find it overwhelming or exciting? What do you deal with first? What's the hardest thing to get rid of and why?



IDENTITY

Paul gives these two lists of sins we struggle with. He uses the extreme language of "putting to death" these things in us. What does this mean to you?

Pastor Jon quotes NT Wright talking about how churches tend to choose one list or the other. Where does South Abbotsford land on this continuum?

THE EXAMEN

How do you think people can change their behaviours?

Which illustration from the message resonated with you? Why?

We all tend toward labels. How do you think we've used labels to our detriment in church? Why do you think we do this? How could we change this?

Thomas Chalmers says, "*The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one*". Do you agree or disagree and why?

There are churches that are offended by the slightest sexual irregularity but a nest of gossip, backbiting and bad temper. But in others, people are so concerned with getting along they tolerate flagrant immorality.

NT Wright



PRACTICE: CONFESSION

One of the most difficult things is to admit we struggle with sin. Confession is the practice of sharing this with a trusted person.

Have you ever experienced this? Do you think this is important or helpful for us as Christians? Why or why not?

Who might be a trusted person you could practice confession with?

PRAY TOGETHER

If you are willing share needs (or maybe even struggles) with one another. Then pray together.