

BEING DIFFERENT FOR JESUS

Beginning in January we are starting a series entitled *Different*. As Christ-followers we are called to a different way of doing life. As we follow our Lord He invites doing life in a way that conforms to His model:

- A different faith in the midst of trials
- A different set of values
- A different calling as we interact with the unchurched around us
- A different voice

Christ-followers are to be different? God calls us to be distinct, separate, not the same, out of the ordinary, unusual? Christ was distinct, separate, out of the ordinary, and he called his followers to be like him.

The Biblical word "holy" describes the contemporary word "different." A holy person is not an odd person, but a different person. A holy person has a quality about their life that is unique. Their present lifestyle is not only changed from past lifestyles, but is set apart from the lifestyles of the unbelievers around them. A holy person takes Jesus Christ seriously.

Believers in Christ have been called to live this unique life and different lifestyle. Peter wrote, "But, as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, 'Be holy, because I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:15-16). Actually, "called" may be too passive a word. We have been commanded to live a holy life - "energetic and blazing with holiness" - as Eugene Petersen described this life in *The Message*. Someone once said, "We may choose a married life or a single life, but it is not left to us to choose whether or not we live a holy life." Holiness is not an option. It is mandatory.

Today the world has a desperate need for people who are different. We need people who will carry their faith into the office, into Congress, into society, into the school, into the home. We need people who will be different even if it will cost them their social popularity, their economic fortunes, or their very lives.

One does not obtain that kind of distinctiveness except through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the one that issues the drumbeat of the Different Drummer. He is the one that calls us to stand out of the crowd, to be distinct, separate, and unusual. He calls us to be different.

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

January 6—

Bringing Hope Here & Around The World

SERIES: Different

January 13—

A Different Faith In Trials

January 20—

A Different Value In An Unholy Culture

January 27—

A Different Calling In A Darkened World

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Upcoming Events

- **Student Ministries**

Ontrack (Jr. High) and Satellite (Sr. High) meet on Sunday evenings at MCC. They will resume their regular Sunday evening meetings on January 13th (Ontrack . . . 5-6:45 pm / Satellite . . . 5-7:00 pm).

- **Kid Blast**

Kid's Blast (elementary k-5) meets on Wednesday evenings (6:45 pm) at MCC. We hope to have another awesome time of Bible, worship and games as we seek to grow in our faith and reach out to our friends. Kid Blast will resume on January 9th.

- **Young Adult Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm all college age students and 20-something adults are invited to attend MCC's Young Adult Bible Study. Currently they are studying the book of Lamentations. Check with Arlen Gerig and see how you can become involved with this dynamic group of young people.

- **Adult Bible Study**

Men's and Women's Bible study groups both meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings at MCC. The men's group will resume meeting on January 10th and the women's group tentatively plan to resume on January 17th (we'll let you know if that changes).

- **Mark & Namsoon Houghtaling Brunch (January 6)**

Mark and Namsoon (missionaries with Operation Mobilization) will be at MCC on Sunday, January 6. Please join us for a brunch following the second service where they will share more details of their missionary work in China and answer questions. Please signup at the information table.

