

Morning Lesson

SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS

John 4:20-24

INTRO:

1. The idea for this lesson is from an article by Brad Harrub from Focus Press.
2. I think every leader in our congregations is at least a bit concerned that folks that have had to stay home during the pandemic will end up not coming back to the assembly.

I. AN ILLUSTRATION.

- A. I invite you on a wonderful vacation, all expenses paid. But only you. Your spouse is not invited.
- B. You would probably be upset that I singled out your spouse to say he/she wasn't invited.
- C. I figure this is how Christ feels every time someone says they are spiritual but not religious.

II. THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.

- A. Read **John 3:16** focusing on the love.
- B. Now read **Eph. 5:21-26**.
- C. How about **Rev. 19:7-9**?

III. I'LL TAKE CHRIST, BUT NOT HIS BRIDE.

- A. How do we think Jesus feels when we reject his bride?
- B. Can we harmonize this idea of doing my own thing spiritually with **John 14:15**?
- C. Remember what Jesus said when he was tempted by Satan. **Luke 4:8; John 4:24 (Heb. 10:25)**

CONC:

1. What is the real motivation to stay at home?
2. It is not my job to judge other's motives, but Jesus did say **by their fruits you shall know them.**
Matt. 7:20
3. I suggest that we ask ourselves if we are avoiding the body of Christ for reasons other than the pandemic.
4. Perhaps I don't want to be reminded that Christ asks for my whole life.