



Uncomfortable wk6: Uncomfortable Commitment

Introduction: FOMO means “Fear of Missing Out.” FOMO is a major reason people often won’t commit to things, they want to keep their options open. But when we constantly look for better options when it comes to committing to church, the result is we rarely go deep enough in relationships to shape or be shaped by them. What if we started valuing commitment above compatibility and comfort?

Discussion Questions

1. Are you someone who RSVP’s quickly to something or not? What determines whether you lock in early or wait?
2. Over years it has become popular to say/hear things like – “I love Jesus, but I don’t like the church;” or “I’m spiritual but not religious.” Can you really have Jesus but not the church?
3. **Read Matthew 16:16-18** In the sermon, Jeremy said that the word “church” is a substitution word for “congregation.” Why is it important to understand the difference between church and congregation? What is the difference?
4. **Read Ephesians 5:25-27** While we get hung up on the submit and marriage language, what does Paul say Christ does for the church? How do both engaging in the Word of God and Christian relationships shape us? Why is marriage such a good metaphor for our relationship with Christ? Where is it a struggle to use the marriage language?
5. **Read Hebrews 10:24-25** Why is meeting together so important? Is this just about a church “service?”
6. In the sermon, there was a 4 square matrix; the vertical axis dealt with level of relationship and the horizontal axis dealt with level of responsibility. Which square would you find yourself in? If you are in the upper right square, how do you help others get to the same place?

Shaping Your Mind – *On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[c] will not overcome it. Matt. 16:18b*

Moving Forward – Will you embrace the awkwardness and inconvenience and uncool costliness of the uncomfortable church?” Brett McCracken

