

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Week 2: Traditions for Transitions

Discuss:

1. What traditions do you remember from childhood that you no longer engage in our practice? Do you miss those traditions, or were you glad to see them go?
2. Why do you think our culture has abandoned so many traditions of the past—like traditional church weddings or church funerals? Is there good that has come with changes to some of these traditions? What has not been good about some of the changes?
3. How do traditions provide a check on our egos? How do traditions force us to recognize and submit to something bigger than ourselves? Do you agree that many of our traditions have been abandoned precisely because they challenge our egos?
4. What did Jesus teach about traditions? What traditions did he institute? What traditions did he honor? Were there traditions Jesus did away with?
5. If there were one tradition you could recapture or reclaim in your life, what would it be? What would it take for you to do that?

