# SERMON NOTES

## To Be Christ-Centered John 3:34; 5:19-20; 14:15-18; Luke 9:57-67; 1 Timothy 6:17; Luke 2:15 Art Birch

Our Vision To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community that glorifies God by impacting individuals and families near and far.

### **Our Model**

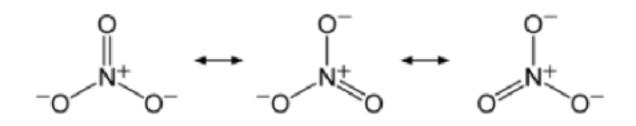
Relational

**To be Christ-Centered** By prayerfully depending on God and His Word, obediently submitting to His Spirit, and sacrificially following Jesus' example.

Who is this Christ we are to keep central?

Who is Christ in relation to God?

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Keeping Christ central requires difficult, radical choices.

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Christ-Centered by Obediently Submitting to His Spirit John 14:15-18

### Christ-Centered by Sacrificially Following Jesus' Example Luke 9:57-62

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. The Apostle Paul. 1 Timothy 6:17

*"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.* Jesus. Lk 12:15

### **Questions to Ponder and Discuss:**

What has helped you to accept the truth of the triune nature of God? When are you moved to astonishment that we are privileged to be in an eternal relationship with the triune God through the Lord Jesus Christ? How has that helped you, or could that help you, to keep Christ central? What are some of the difficult, radical choices that you have made or know you must make to keep Christ central in your life?

### Next Sunday:

Pastor Craig will help define what community could mean for us as individuals and as a church. Pray that God will continue to build our Ross Road community into a healthy, vibrant, strong, outward-looking community that impacts individuals and families near and far. Ask yourself what the Bible teaches about healthy community.