



PHARISEE UNIVERSITY

IDEALISM OVER
JESUS

VERSES:

Colossians 2:16-17
Ecclesiastes 7:10
1 Kings 10:6-9
1 Kings 9:15
Luke 11:47-51
Acts 2:42-47
Matthew 28:16
2 Corinthians 8-9
Acts 10-11
1 Corinthians 1:2
2 Corinthians 12:20
Luke 9:51-56

FUTURE EVENTS:

EMOMS COFFEE

Friday May 29th
Gather with fellow
moms over coffee &
brunch for fellowship
and encouragement.
emoms@
ourelement.org

FAMILY HIKE

May 30th
San Luis Lighthouse
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians 2:16-17 - Therefore let no one pass judgement on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

INTRODUCTION

If we do not want to become Pharisees we must develop the ability to (1) learn from the past without idealizing the past, and (2) speak the truth in love.

DISCUSSION

What "good ol' days" do you long for?

EXPLANATION - Read Luke 11:47-51

Can you think of any spiritual leaders from the past that we idolize today?

If so, how?

Why do you think we tend to only remember the good in our heroes?

In what ways could that be bad for our spiritual walk?

APPLICATION - Read Acts 2:42-47

What things can we learn in these verses without idolizing them?

Are there any *things* in these verses that confuse or scare you?

Are there other verses that you can think of that would be better understood as descriptive and not prescriptive?

MISSION

How can *not* idolizing the past help us to better live on mission?

What are the dangers in bringing people into a faith not centered on Jesus, but on past ideals?

How can a faith centered on Jesus become both our ideal and our value?

