



A CHURCH THAT **WINS**

An Excellent Church

MAIN THING

An Excellent Church Models Excellence in All We Do

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:37, Colossians 3:23-24, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

ICEBREAKER

What was your first date like? How did you dress? Were you nervous? How did you act? Any good stories?

OPENING THOUGHT

Excellence is contagious. "Our best for His glory" should be a rallying cry at Catalyst. This core value is seen in all ministries; children's, youth, worship, preaching, ushers, coffee team, men's, women's, and so on. It is also seen in our individual efforts on giving, praying, studying, and loving each other. Excellence is an attitude that we have towards the One we love most. Our best for His glory....Always.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read Mark 7:37. How did people view Jesus? What did they notice about the way he did things? Why would this be important for us to now.
3. In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul asks the Colossian Church to do everything as though they are working for God and NOT man. Why is this important? How can a mindset like this help us to be more excellent in the things we do? How can this glorify God?

LIFE APPLICATION

Are you ok with just getting by? Are you someone who strives to do everything with excellence? If not, why? What drives you? What, in your life, gets you excited? It's important to remember that we represent someone much bigger and more important than us throughout everything we do. Striving to be like Christ means doing everything like Christ would. That means we long to do everything well. Christ was notorious for it, and we should be as well.

CHALLENGE

How do you strive for excellence as a group? Do you hold each other accountable for your daily walk? Are you holding each other up when one of you falls? Excellence in the Church is a lot like being on a football team. There are multiple positions, and everyone has a job to do that is unique in and of itself. The great teams know how to build up each other and make up for imbalances. As a community group, you need to be building each other up when things get out of balance for others in your group. A real team lifts up in order for the team to be excellent.