

Summary

This sermon, titled 'Blessed Disruptions: The Call to Bold Ministry,' was delivered during Pastor Steven Curry Gallego's installation service. The message focuses on how Jesus' ministry was disruptive to the status quo and how the church today is called to similarly challenge and transform society. Rev. Carl Taylor emphasized that Jesus wasn't crucified for being nice, but for threatening the established order and standing up against injustice.

Intro Prayer

Almighty God, as we gather together to discuss Your Word, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to understand how we can be agents of holy disruption in our world, just as Jesus was. Guide our conversation and help us to apply these truths to our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's the most positive way someone has disrupted your normal routine or way of thinking?

Key Verses

Luke 6:20-26

Jeremiah 17:7-8

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Questions

What does it mean to be 'blessed' according to Jesus' teachings in this passage?

How can disruption be a positive force in our spiritual lives?

In what ways might God be calling our church to be disruptive for the sake of the Gospel?

What are some examples of 'holy disruptions' you've experienced in your own faith journey?

How can we ensure we're being disruptive for the right reasons, like Jesus, rather than just being difficult?

What does it mean to be 'planted by streams of water' as mentioned in the sermon?

How can we support each other in being bold witnesses for Christ in our community?

What areas of injustice in our world today require Christian disruption and prophetic voice?

Life Application

This week, identify one area in your life or community where God might be calling you to be boldly disruptive for the sake of justice, mercy, or truth. Take one concrete step to challenge the status quo in a way that reflects Christ's love and kingdom values.

Key Takeaways

Jesus' ministry was intentionally disruptive to challenge unjust systems and transform lives

The church is called to be boldly disruptive in pursuing justice and showing God's love

True blessing often comes through transformation and challenging comfort zones

Ministry is not a one-person show but requires the whole church body working together

Like trees planted by water, we must be deeply rooted in Christ to bear fruit in difficult times

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us how to be holy disruptors in a world that needs Your transforming love. Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones and follow Your example of challenging injustice while showing grace. Help us to be deeply rooted in You so we can bear fruit even in difficult times. Guide us as we seek to be Your hands and feet in our community. In Your name we pray, Amen.