MISSION CREEK
Alliance Church

"To the Church in …."

Central Theme: Becoming more like Jesus is not simply about following religious rules or making Christ an important part of our lives. It is about recognizing that our lives are found in Him, experiencing His love, and allowing Him to transform us into the people He created us to be.

1. What Are We Living For?

In the sermon, Mitch Albom's relationship with Morrie Schwartz challenged his pursuit of success, wealth, and status. What tends to consume most of your time, energy, and attention at this stage of your life? How might following Jesus challenge or reshape those priorities?

2. Obedience: Duty or Love?

Haggai challenged God's people because they had become more concerned with building their own homes than honouring God. Deuteronomy reminds us that obedience flows from loving God. How can we recognize when our Christian lives have become more about religious duty or personal comfort than genuinely loving God? What might need to change?

3. Missing What Matters Most

In Matthew 23:23–24, Jesus criticized religious leaders for focusing on minor details while neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness. In what ways might we, individually or as a church, become so focused on doing the right religious things that we overlook what matters most to Jesus?

4. Becoming More Like Jesus

The sermon used the illustration of high fidelity—an accurate reproduction of the original—to describe becoming like Christ. If someone observed your everyday

relationships, conversations, and decisions, what characteristics of Jesus might they recognize? Where would you most like to become a more faithful reflection of Him?

5. Making Room to Experience God

The sermon emphasized that knowing about Jesus is different from personally experiencing His presence and love. It also encouraged us to spend time waiting upon the Lord. What distractions, habits, or pressures make it difficult for you to be still and experience God's presence? What practical change could help you create more space to listen to Him?

6. Dying to Self to Truly Live

Galatians 2:20 declares, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me." Morrie's observation that learning how to die teaches us how to live echoes this theme. What might "dying to self" look like in your present circumstances? Is there something you are holding onto—control, recognition, security, resentment, or personal ambition—that Christ may be inviting you to surrender?

7. Finding Our True Identity in Christ

The sermon concluded with a powerful distinction: Jesus is not merely one part of our lives, or even the most important part. Rather, our entire lives are found in Him. In Christ, we are truly known, deeply loved, and free to become our true selves. How would your daily life change if you consistently lived from the conviction that you are fully known and loved by Christ? What is one specific way you could begin living out that truth this week?