

Good News Series
What's That Smell?
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Opening

-**What is your favorite smell?** (bread baking, aromatic pipe...)

-Anyone notice the “aromatic” smell in the building last week?

-So let me ask you this, a question that isn't often thought of in relation to our lives as followers of Jesus: How do you smell? What do you smell like?

Introduction

-**2 Corinthians 2:15-16**

- (talk about The Gospel: affirms and convicts)
- (build though on the broader idea of the fragrance of Christ)

-**Exodus 30:22-33**

- prophetic imagery...
- explain why God is so protective of this incense/EXCLUSIVE!!!
- Matthew 3:8
- Read the 24 virtues

- **So...how do you smell?**

-When it comes to personal hygiene, you are at liberty to follow your preferences, but when it comes to the fragrance of our lives spiritually, Jesus has given us a command.

Maundy Thursday

-(talk about Easter, Passover, Maundy Thursday...)

English word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word “mandatum” which also gives us the word “mandate” ...this is derived from John 13:34...His mandate to His disciples given on that night...which He demonstrated not just by washing their feet but sharing with them in the Passover meal so they would know He would soon be THE lamb of God...

-2 Peter 1:4

-The 5 Great Growth Lists

1. Matthew 5:3-10
2. Romans 12:9-21
3. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
4. Galatians 5:22-23
5. 2 Peter 1:5-7

-So what does all of this have to do with our Good News Series?

- He chose you to point the world to Him...with your fragrance!
- He forgives EVERY time we fall short!

The Mercy Seat

-In the Book of Amos... (as you are reading though the Bible, use a study Bible)

- 8 Prophecies
- 3 Sermons
- 5 Visions (where we are going to look tonight)
- 5 Promises

-Amos 9:1...we don't want to see God standing by the altar! (parents saying, "Oh don't you make me get up and come over there!")

-Exodus 37:6-9 (NLT) (the original dab...but it's a two wing dab!)

-the Hebrew word for cover is the same word for seat...so this "cover" was referred to in one of two ways

- The Mercy Seat
- The Place of Atonement

-It's called the Mercy Seat because God has a perfect plan to cover our sin...It's called The Place of Atonement because God has a perfect plan for our relationship with Him to be restored in spite of our sin...that's Good News!

Band

-in December of 1990...I felt clean.