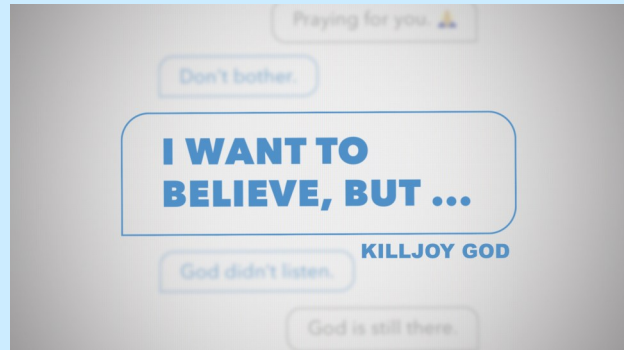


Direct From Dave —

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Why would people want to go to church if it's boring? To be honest I wouldn't want to. Yet many people confuse religion with belief in Jesus. To those non-Christians who are looking at Christians and the church, I wonder what they see. Do they see us as narrow-minded, judgmental, hypocrites with holier-than-thou attitudes? Unfortunately, from what surveys and studies show----that is exactly how many view Christians.



Even in Jesus' day He dealt with the religious people so confined by the rules they missed the bigger picture. Jesus had this to say in Matthew 23:25-26 New International Version (NIV),²⁵ *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence."*²⁶ *Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean."*

The Pharisees were great about keeping the rules...but neglected the most important part. It's not the rules, it's the relationship! Many see Christianity as too many do's and don'ts. Many could be saying *"I want to have fun, why would I want to be a part of a church?"* On Sunday we will explore **"I want to believe, but....Killjoy God."** Why would I want to be connected to a God that doesn't want me to have fun? Why be a part of something that has so many do and don'ts? Why are there so many rules?

As we explore this on Sunday, we will discover there is a difference between rules and relationship. We also discuss that sometimes we just simply make Christianity too complicated. Why would people want to believe, if they think that God is a Killjoy God? As you probably know I want to have fun, I want to laugh, I want *and* I need joy!

The simplicity of Christianity is: We sinned. Christ died. God forgave.

I don't want a **Killjoy God**, I want a **Life-Joy God**. I look forward to sharing with you on Sunday the life-giving joy that Jesus can give.

With the JOY of Christ,

Pastor Dave

Church Picnic Potluck



Saturday, November 3, 2018

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Anderson Park Shelter #7

Come and have fun with your church family
At the church picnic! The shelter is next to a playground and
restrooms. Fun for the entire family.

This is a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share!!

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