

NOTHING LIKE THE REAL THING

COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

Introduction

1. Danger of Religious _____

- Kosher Diet
- Special Days

2. Danger of Spiritual _____

3. Danger of Personal _____

Weakness #1:

Weakness #2:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What are some of the wrong things we cling to in order to get us through difficult times? How does the theme of this sermon address our response to the crisis we're currently in?
2. Read Colossians 2:16, 17. Why were a kosher diet and special days important to believers in Old Testament times? What is the most important identity marker (other than baptism) for Christ followers today? What evidence do you see of this marker in your life?
3. Read Colossians 2:18, 19. What spiritual experiences did the heretics in Colossae promote? What "must have" spiritual experiences do some people boast about today? Why do spiritual experiences pose a danger to us? What might a healthy view of spiritual experiences look like?
4. Read Colossians 2:20-23. What sorts of personal disciplines do you practice--and why? What are the two weaknesses of personal disciplines that Paul notes in these verses? Have you seen these pop up in your life? Explain.
5. The importance of pursuing Jesus was mentioned repeatedly in this sermon. Practically speaking, how can you do that--especially during this present crisis?