

Session 1: Not A Three Point Sermon

Overview: This Sunday we kicked off a new series of talks titled “The Real Jesus”. We live in a world where culture, social media and self created versions are often what people follow, when we are to follow the Jesus of the Bible and who He is through reading scripture and His own words, not a version we've created. In Matthew 5, Jesus gives an honest picture of what following Him looks like, which include hunger and thirsting for righteousness, reconciliation and peace, purity of heart and mind, integrity in our words and loving and praying for our enemies. The Real Jesus may be harder to follow than the version we've created, but when we look at the scriptures only the real Jesus is worth following.

This Week: MEET JESUS AGAIN

Read through this week's scriptures from the churchwide Bible reading plan as a group and discuss.

Key Scripture:

- John 1:1-18 - Who Jesus is
- John 2:1-12 - Jesus Celebrates
- John 1:43-51 - Jesus Has Personality
- John 4:1-26 - Jesus Moves Beyond Culture
- John 4:27-42 - Jesus Loves the Unlikely
- John 6:1-15 - Jesus Is Extravagantly Generous
- Mark 1:35-45 - Jesus Touches the Untouchable

Discussion Questions:

1. What do the scriptures read show us about what Jesus is actually like?
2. Is there anything about Jesus in these passages that surprises, challenges, or bothers you?
3. Is there a version of Jesus I have created that these passages confront?
4. If this is really who Jesus is, what does following Him require of us?