

Session 2: The Right Thing AND The Right Motive

Overview: This Sunday we continued our talk titled “The Real Jesus”. We live in a world where culture, social media and self created versions of Jesus 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, because the real Jesus is worth following. Pastor Mark preached from Matthew 6, and we were reminded that following the real Jesus means more than simply doing the right things; it means examining the motives behind our actions and ensuring our hearts are truly centered on God, rather than the approval of others. He challenges us to examine where our hearts are focused, release our dependence on earthly treasures and control, and trust God with our needs and future as we seek His Kingdom above all else.

This Week: THE JESUS WHO DOESN'T FIT THE BOX

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

Key Scripture:

- Mark 5:21-43 - Jesus Is Tender
- Mark 2:13-28 - Jesus Is Free
- Mark 3:1-6 - Jesus Ministers When Traditions Wont
- Matthew 23:1–36 - Jesus Can Be Fierce
- John 2:13–22 - Jesus Flips Tables
- Luke 13:31–35 - Jesus Isn't Intimidated
- Matthew 22:15-46 - Jesus Is Brilliant

Discussion Questions:

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