



AGENDAS, KINGDOMS, & MISSING JESUS

Most people have heard the phrase: "Missing the Forest for the Trees"? It means we can become so focused on what we want that we can miss the bigger picture of what's going on. Students can get so focused on memorizing facts that they miss out on learning the subject, or managers can be so concerned about their status with the company that they miss out on leading their team. What about following Jesus? Can followers of Jesus believe in Him and misunderstand him at the same time? In this week's message, we look at a passage in Luke and discover how we can miss seeing Jesus when we put our own agendas and realities on Him. Luke invites us to surrender to Jesus' kingdom in order to experience Him in our lives.

Leaders note: Pause and pray for your group to help you be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit wants to reveal to you through this passage of Scripture.

Read Luke 24:13-35

1. What were some key insights that stood out to you from this passage of Scripture or from the sermon? Where do you find yourself resonating deeply with what you read or heard?
2. How have you "Missed the Forest for the Trees" in your life before?

Luke's point when following Jesus, is if you put your own agenda and view of reality on Jesus He remains invisible and unknown to you. It's only when you submit yourself to Jesus' upside-down Kingdom, epitomized by the cross, can we truly experience the real Jesus.

3. Where do you find yourself wrestling with this, or where might your spirit be closed to this or need transformation?

4. What aspect of your life is being touched or spoken to through this passage of Scripture?

5. What needs to die in you in order for God's will to come forth in your life? Is there anything you need to set aside so that you can be open to what God wants?

6. In his sermon, Jeremy mentioned three rhythms to implement in your life to help you embrace the upside down value system of the Kingdom of God. Remembering the Gospel everyday. Say prayers of indifference. Let the Scriptures read you. Which Rhythm would you like to implement in your life and how can this group help you do that?

These rhythms can help us see and experience Jesus and His love and help us experience the Gospel. Let's help each other embrace and submit ourselves to Jesus' upside-down Kingdom, epitomized by the cross, so we can truly experience the real Jesus.