

The Jesus Way

Today we begin a discipleship conversation on how we can go about following Jesus, who is the Way. In John 14.6, Jesus brings this into focus, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." It is when the Jesus way is organically joined to the Jesus truth do we experience the Jesus life.

Jesus announces the nature of His Way in Mark 1.14-17. His Kingdom is arriving, the light of salvation is piercing the darkness and renewing humanity. In consideration of His Kingdom, Jesus calls us to rethink everything, to turn away from our previous ways of life and be overwhelmed by the one positive passion of following Him. As we follow Him we see that His desire is to make salvation both personal and local, to touch every facet of our lives with the renewing power of His Gospel. Salvation is not only a clear route to heaven, but it is the process of God bringing renewal to our minds, souls, bodies and our holistic lives.

As we enter this way of salvation we begin to see God at work in new ways. In Sunday's message we were challenged to turn more of our lives towards Jesus. To ask where in our lives do we need to turn to Jesus to be our center, our keeper, our future, our rest, our freedom, our forgiveness, our satisfaction and our source of gratitude? As we begin to change our thinking we find the Holy Spirit transforming us at a deeper level, changing our desires, informing our perspectives and empowering us to participate with Jesus in bringing life and renewal to those around us.

The beauty of the Jesus Way is that Jesus is not only our way to God, but God's way to each of us. God reminds us in Psalm 139 that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, that in all things God desires to work for our good and for His Glory. He is the artist, we are the canvas, He is the potter, we are the clay. The Jesus Way is what you and I were built for, purposefully created for a life with God and active participation in His Kingdom.

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Discipleship Questions:

- 1) In what areas of your life is Jesus most clearly revealing His Way to you?
- 2) What changes do you need to make in in your thinking and in your life in order to follow Jesus in His Way?
- 3) Where do I most need God's transforming work in my life? How do I need Him to change me so that I can follow Jesus more closely?
- 4) How can I participate with Jesus in bringing life and renewal to the people around me this week? Who can I specifically seek to bless and how?