

GRACE CHURCH: We BELIEVE in Jesus

Matthew 4:17-22 & other Scriptures

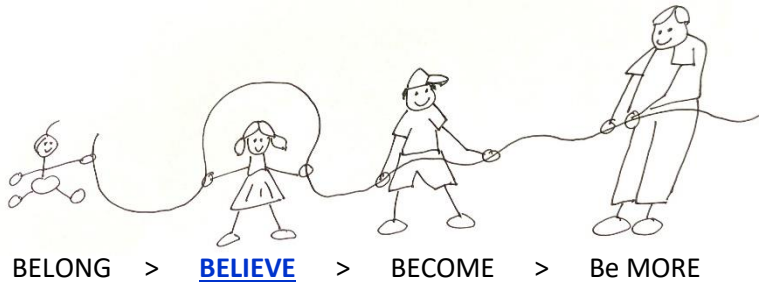
Application in Community

Small Group Discussion

Our Mission:

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

LAST WEEK: BELONGing comes before believing.



THIS WEEK: What does it mean to BELIEVE in Jesus?



To "BELIEVE" is more than mental assent, it involves [decisive action](#).

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

[See Ephesians 2:8-10]

Welcome: Grace Church Seattle is a place to belong in order to explore what it means to believe in Jesus. We believe that Jesus is the Son of GOD, Christ the King, and the only way to a relationship with GOD the Father. If you would like to learn more, or join a small group to discuss these topics, connect with Tiea Hanson at the info booth in the foyer or email her at tieah@gracechurchseattle.org. You can also give us a call or make an appointment with a pastor. Our number is – 206.937.8400.

Application Questions:

1. John Piper said, "The reason evangelism exists is because worship doesn't." What do you think he meant?
2. Imagine you are sitting on a plane and the person next to you is dressed in fine, non-western clothing. You want to get to know your airplane neighbor, so you ask his name and what he does for a living, and he tells you that he is king of his country. In your heart, words, and actions, how would your disposition change? Explain.
3. Let's talk about "belief"; what does it mean to believe in Jesus?
4. Read Matthew 4:17 – break down this verse:
 - What did Jesus mean by "repent"?
 - What did He mean by "kingdom of heaven"?
 - What did He mean by "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"?
 - What is Jesus saying about who He is and why He came?
5. Think about John Piper's quote, the airplane story, the word "believe" and the word "repent" → how do they all tie together?

Weekly Challenge: To believe in Jesus is to take decisive action and follow Jesus in all areas of life. What areas of your life are you not following Jesus? Pick one and start following Jesus in that area this week.

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