



Fall 2018 Series – Christianity Explored – November 25

Message: What does it mean to Follow Jesus?

Scripture: Mark 8:22-38 - Weekly Reading Mark 16

“Who do people say I am?” “But what about you?” he asked, “Who do you say I am?”

Come to Jesus and See (Mark 8:22-26)

- The gradual healing of the man’s sight reflects the gradual growth of the disciples’ understanding.

Come to Jesus as the Christ (God’s Only Saviour King). (v. 27-33)

- Jesus is the good news.
- Although they see who Jesus is, they don’t yet see why he has come or what it means to follow him.

Come to Jesus and Die to Self and Sin. (v. 34-38)

- Following Jesus means denying self, and taking up the cross.
- If we want to be saved, we must entrust our lives to Jesus.

What do you see when you look at: Jesus’ Identity? (Is he just a good man, or is he Jesus Christ, the Son of God) Jesus’ Mission: Is his death a tragic waste or is it a rescue – a “ransom for many”? Jesus’ call: Is it a way of losing your life, or a way of gaining it?

“The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and Believe the good news!”

Come to Jesus and Live by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Galatians 2:20

- Live by faith, obeying the Word of God by yielding day by day to the Holy Spirit. Christ lives in us by His Spirit. Galatians 5 – Walk in the Spirit.
- Be a Witness of the Gospel to others.
 - Being –Celebrate all people who are made in God’s image. Love people. Ask them questions.
 - Doing – Random Acts of Kindness – 1Peter 2:12; James 2:14-17 – Doing kind things, gets them to ask Why?
 - Telling – Go over the pain line. One to one Bible sharing. Example Psalm 103:13-17 – Let the Bible be our teacher. What is the point of life? What does this passage say about God and us?

Life Group Questions

1. Why did Jesus Come? Why did Jesus die? Why did Jesus rise?
2. How can God accept us?
3. “Repent and Believe the good news!” Mark 1:15 To repent literally means to turn back in the opposite direction to the one you were travelling on. And to Believe the good news means to act upon it, to build your life upon it. What does this mean to you?
4. “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” How would you answer that question?
5. How might a person or you be ashamed of Jesus and his words? (Mark 8:38) Why can we trust Jesus with our lives?
6. How would you personally score the following statements from one to ten? Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. ____ Jesus came to rescue me from all my sin. ____ Following Jesus means denying myself and putting Jesus first. ____
7. How has this sermon series impacted your life with Jesus?

