

following Jesus | on mission | in community

Week 1 | Jesus Mission Community | January 8

Key Focus: A Jesus follower submits the way to Jesus in every area of life with increasing measure.

Opening Up:

- If you could give up one chore for the rest of your life, which one would it be?
- Which chore, when completed, brings you the most joy?
- When you were younger did you ever say, “when I get my own house...?” What is one habit or rhythm you have in your home that is an upgrade to your childhood home?

Reference: Matthew 28:16-20

Discuss:

Look again at the 4 Questions:

1. Who is God? (Father, Son, Spirit)
2. What has God done? (adopted, purchased, sent)
3. Who am I? (child, servant, missionary)
4. How should I live? (We live a family of missionary servants, or we follow Jesus on mission in community.)

This week our focus is on discipleship or following Jesus.

1. Scott Mcknight wrote, “Most of evangelism today is obsessed with getting someone to make a decision; the apostles, however, were obsessed with making disciples.” Do you agree with this? How so?
2. Why do you think some Christians prefer a church event rather than a church family?
3. Have you ever been taught to be a disciple of Jesus by someone in your life? How did that person disciple you?
4. Disciples recognize that “all authority” belongs to Jesus and have confessed “Jesus is Lord.” (Matthew 28:18; Romans 10:9) If a disciple was to submit the way to Jesus in every area of life, how would they do that?
5. What would a follower of Jesus who has submitted to the way of Jesus look like?
6. We are told to make disciples “as we go.” Who can you help get closer to Jesus in your life? If you were to pray “what’s next Lord?” for this person, what would God say?
7. How does the picture of baptism help you to see what Christ is doing and has done for you?
8. What area of your life is the hardest to submit to Jesus?
9. If you were to ask Jesus “what’s next Lord?,” what do you think Jesus would say to you?
10. Discipleship is more about living deeply than thinking deeply. What rhythm of your life needs to change in order for your life to reflect someone who is following Jesus on mission in community?
11. Pray.