

Session

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BIG IDEA
You can possess something and never experience it.

OPENING QUESTIONS:
Eternal life isn't a ticket for the future; it is a relationship that transforms today. But most of us do not live with the transformational power , joy and purpose he offers us today. Knowing about Jesus and experiencing Jesus are two very different things.

If you have ever had someone pickup your tab at a restraint and only found out when you went to pay, share how that made you feel.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read this passage: John 6:47-69 in two different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience and following the way of Jesus? How should it affect the way I live?

November 15
WEEKEND

Thought:

How do you see people try to transform Jesus into a just a counselor, therapist or life coach? Why do you think we do that?

What is something in your life Jesus may want to transform? (Try to answer without thinking first of sin removal)

How can you start to develop a prayer life that asks what you can do to serve Jesus over how he can serve and better your life?

If you have had a moment where you had a sudden realization that God was bigger than you were giving him credit for share that with the group.

Where have you felt called to live out your faith publicly?

Do you tend to describe holiness as something you don't do or what you do?
Why?

"And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." (John 17:3, NLT)

The Messiah doesn't offer you tips for better living—he demands your life. He doesn't ask to be part of your story—he invites you into his.

Join the mission of Jesus

I will statement...
Engage in this personal reflection and challenge.

Personal Reflection & Challenge:
I want you to identify one area of your life where you've been keeping Jesus at arm's length. One compartment where you've allowed him to be Christ—your Savior who forgives your sins—but not Messiah—your King who transforms your life.

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Maybe it's your money. You tithe—you're faithful in that. But the other 90%? That's yours to spend however you want, right? You've never really asked the Messiah, "What do you want me to do with the resources you've entrusted to me?" What would change if you let the Messiah be Lord of your finances?

Maybe it's your relationships. You have friends who don't know Jesus, and you've convinced yourself that just being nice to them is enough. You've never actually told them about the Messiah because, well, that might be awkward. You've compartmentalized your faith as something private, not something you share publicly. What would change if you let the Messiah be Lord of your friendships?

Maybe it's your politics. You've aligned yourself with a party or an ideology, and you've learned to read Scripture through that lens rather than reading your politics through the lens of Scripture. You've made Jesus fit your political views rather than letting the Messiah challenge and transform them. What would change if you let the Messiah be Lord of your political convictions?

Maybe it's your pain. You've been hurt—deeply hurt—and you've built walls around that wounded place. You've told yourself you'll handle it on your own, that you don't need anyone's help, not even God's. You've kept the Messiah out of the most broken parts of your life because you're afraid of what might happen if you let him in. What would change if you let the Messiah be Lord of your pain?

Maybe it's your time. You're busy—so busy. Work, family, obligations, entertainment. You've carved out an hour on Sunday for Jesus, maybe a few minutes in the morning for a quick devotional. But the rest of your time? That's yours. You've never really asked, "Messiah, how do you want me to spend the hours you've given me?" What would change if you let the Messiah be Lord of your schedule?

Act

Now, this is the hard part—invite him in. Not as a consultant who gives you advice you can take or leave. Not as a life coach who helps you achieve your goals. But as Messiah. As King. As Lord.

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