

# THE POINT: BUILDING FAITH OUTSIDE THESE WALLS



## PRACTICING THE WAY OF CHRIST.

The Christian faith is simple.

Jesus says it's *\*so\** simple, in fact, that children are getting it right more than adults.

It's simple:

Be with Jesus

Become like Jesus

Do what Jesus did

But that doesn't mean it's easy. With lives full of distractions and commitments, faith can often become an afterthought or a checkmark on the to-do list instead of a lifestyle, an identity, a lens in which we view the world and eternity.

It's very likely we need to literally practice being like Jesus.

Over the next six weeks, we will be walking through a "way of Jesus" that we can practically begin to practice in our own lives.

We will do what He does, remaining in Him, and becoming like Him.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **John 15:4-11**

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

## **John 14:6**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

# QUESTIONS.

*Feel free to talk through some or all of these questions*

- 1.) What's something that sticks out to you in the verses above?
- 2.) What do you think it means to "remain" in Jesus? How does that practically look in your daily life?
- 3.) What are some of the things Jesus say can be results of remaining (or "abiding") in Him?

## TAKE TEN:

- How did you see God work in your life this week?
- What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- What good can you do around here? (in your life/circumstance)
- How can we help you in prayer and what do you want us to ask you about next week?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?