

Small Group Discussion Guide — June 6, 2021

- Series: Beholding Jesus
 - Sermon: Jesus and His Mission
 - Scripture: Luke 4: 13-21, Luke 19:10
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

When were some times this week you felt Jesus standing with you? How did his presence give you courage or comfort?

CONNECT

1. What stood out to you from this past week's service, and why?
2. Have you ever attempted to write a personal mission statement? Share about that experience.

ENGAGE

1. Read Matthew Luke 4: 13-21.
 - What can we discern from this passage about Jesus' reputation?
 - Verse 17 says that, in the synagogue, Jesus *chose* to read the passage from Isaiah which is quoted in verses 18-19. Why is this significant? What does it suggest about Jesus' understanding of his mission?
2. Read Luke 19:10.
 - In his own words, what was Jesus' mission on earth?
 - What do you think Jesus means by the word "lost"?
 - If you could choose a word to describe those outside of Christ, what would it be?

APPLY

1. People may talk of being a "follower of Christ," but not so much about "denying oneself." Do you think you can have one without the other? Why or why not? What does "denying yourself" look like to you?
2. As God in the flesh, Jesus calls us to give our complete and undivided devotion to him. How reasonable does this sound to you? What qualities of Jesus make him worthy of our full devotion? When we consider who Jesus really is, how does that change the way you think about other things to which we tend to devote ourselves?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for staying true to your mission of seeking and saving that which was lost. Thanks for allowing us to have a relationship with you and for allowing us the privilege of joining you in that mission. Help us to learn how to deny our own selfish ambitions and desires, and bring our hearts in line with your heart, surrendering to your Lordship. Amen.

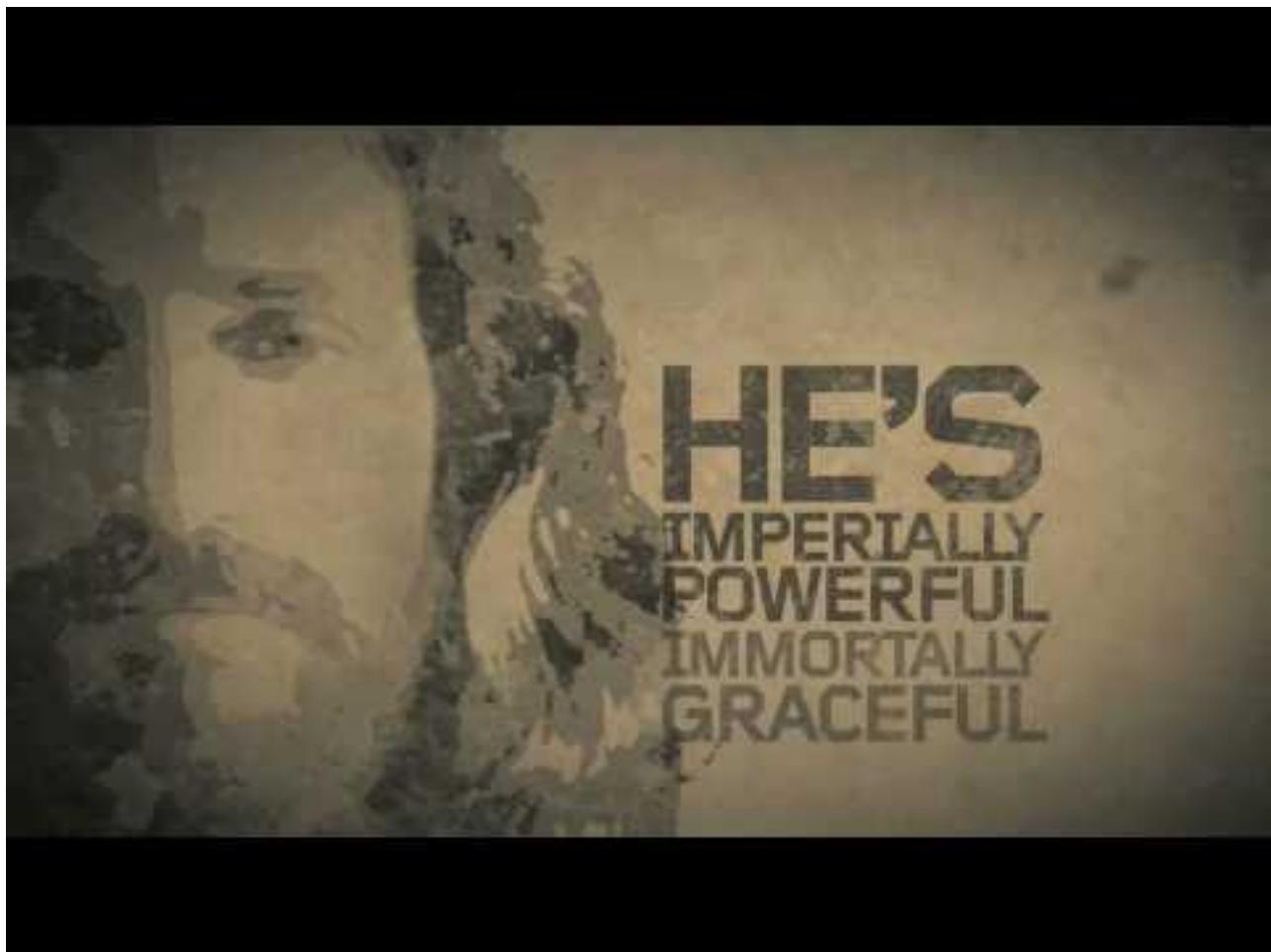
GOING DEEPER

1. As disciples of Jesus, our call is to imitate the life and mission of Jesus. David boiled down the example of Jesus with the following statements:

His Mission is reconciliation,
His Moral is complete surrender,
His Method is sacrificing himself,
His Mode is grace and truth,
His Means is forgiveness,
His Magnificent gift is life; from God, through God, and with God – now and forever.

How are you doing as an imitator of Christ in light of this list? How much does your personal mission statement resemble the mission of our Savior?

2. Take a moment to watch this video. Open your heart and mind to the reality of who Jesus really is, and what difference He makes in your life.



ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27:4

Matthew 28: 19-20

Mark 8:34

Luke 14:25-28

Matthew 6:33

QUOTATIONS

Because the personal experience of the glory of Jesus, the shattering encounter with the transcendent/immanent Christ, is the foundation of the faith and the hope that form and inform a life of naked trust.

Brennan Manning

So God's kingdom is not a place, but rather a relationship. It exists wherever people enthroned Jesus as Lord of their lives.

J.I. Packer

But Jesus will not be a means to an end; he will not be used. If he calls you to follow him, he must be the goal.

Timothy Keller