

WHAT

JESUS

SAID

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GROUP CHECK-IN:

Part of the rhythms of us as a group is to move beyond just *learning* but moving through life together. This space to start is a great way to begin to move into sharing rhythms together, trusting and being faithful with the relationships entrusted to us.

Ask this question: ***“What is one thing you are thanking God for this past week?”***

Give space for everyone to answer, stopping to pray for one another as the Holy Spirit leads.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

“YOU KNOW WHAT SOMETHING IS WORTH BY WHAT YOU’LL GIVE UP TO KEEP IT. – IF JESUS SAVED YOUR LIFE, IS HE WORTH YOUR LIFE?”

SUNDAY TEACHING RECAP:

Week 2 we looked at Matthew 10 and some hard sayings of Jesus. However, we need to remember: ***everything that Jesus is about to say is commission coming from compassion.***

Take time as a group to reread **Matthew 9:35-38, Matthew 10:16-22, & Matthew 10:34-39** out loud in your group. Invite to share key words and phrases or repeated words that stand out in the passage. Feel free to have multiple readers in different translations (sometimes hearing the way others translate a word/phrase differently can shed more light on the truth the Holy Spirit wants us to hear.)



CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Pastor Brannon unpacked what Jesus meant when he said *"I have not come to bring peace but a sword."* When Jesus references *sword* He is referring not to attack but to separation. Take some space to dialogue about this. What changes when we understand this as separation rather than attack?
- Pastor Brannon reminded us that when Jesus looked at His world, He saw people not problems. (Remember - the context of all these hard statements is from a place where ***he saw the crowds and had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*** (Matthew 9:36-37) Pastor Brannon then asked this question: *"When you look at your world, what do you see?"* How may you need to adjust your expectations and lean into the Holy Spirit leading you to see the world as Jesus sees it?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

*Pastor Brannon challenged us with the question: **If Jesus saved your life, is He worth your life?***

First Steps (PERSONAL REFLECTION): *we were challenged to ask the question "What will you do when the time comes?"* Take some space in prayer, meditation, journal, conversation to ask what you would do in the face of fiery trial/persecution. Are you willing to give up everything for Jesus?

Next Steps (COMMUNITY GROWTH): *"When Jesus looked at His world, He saw people not problems."* We pressed into this a bit in conversation, but we can't just talk we must then faithfully act on what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do. Who in your community/personal life do you need to step out faithfully in love towards? How can you meet them where they are in the name of Jesus? If you already have been doing this, encourage one another (or be an encouragement to someone you see modeling this well.)