



# Living Jesus Every Day

Week of November 8, 2015

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

## Message Recap:

*Faith Lives Jesus; Religion Talks*

Read Matthew 7:21-29

Life with Jesus isn't about earning salvation with hard work. It's about the nature of God and his desire to have a real relationship with us in Jesus. Jesus shows us how to live in him by his example. He did not *do* "religion" when he walked the earth. Instead, he developed relationships with the people around him and revealed the love of the Father through the power of the Spirit. In living the will of God, Jesus shows us that he doesn't require us to be religious. Instead he requires us to be obedient. It is only in our obedience that we will live authentically and show the kingdom of heaven to the world around us.

**Focus: Commit your life to DO the will of God and focus on living Jesus at home this week.**

## Pray

Lord, I don't know why I keep trying to live this life on my own. I make a mess of it when I do. So today, I commit to living in obedience to you. Help me work my faith into every aspect of my life; in everything I do, and think, and say...I commit to making it all obedient to your will.

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## Getting Started

- Have you ever seen someone in a crowd that you thought you knew, but when you went up to say hi they weren't who you thought they were? How did you feel when they didn't recognize you?
- Jesus spoke words that provided the best teaching the people ever had. Did you have any words spoken to you this week that made you stop and think? What did you learn from those words?

## Listening Deeply

1. On a scale of 1-10 with ten being the most, how often do you think about how your actions and your life align with the will of God?
2. Some people rely on good works to get them their salvation. Jesus says we prove our faith by our works. What is the difference?
3. Read the focus verses from the message. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21 that not everyone who knows about Jesus will enter into heaven. In Matthew 7:23 he said, "Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you...'" Does this seem harsh to you? What should we do so Jesus doesn't say those words to us?
4. Pastor Drew said, "Either we do what God says, or we are dead." Explain what that means to you. Do you think there is more than one meaning to this phrase?
5. What does action-oriented faith look like to you?
6. How do the principles of Loving Well, Living Jesus, and Believing Big allow us to do the will of God in real life?
7. Obedience to God means we are living in the Kingdom of Heaven. What is God asking you to be obedient in? Are you being obedient, or are you giving yourself permission to do what you want?

## Living Wide in Jesus

When we try to live our lives in our own ability, under our own authority, we make a mess of it. So we must choose to live Jesus every day, and then another 100 times every day. When we live our lives in obedience to Jesus, when we follow him, he empowers us to really live. This week commit your life to doing the will of God in all aspects of your life. At home, at work, at school. For every thought, for every decision, for every action ask yourself, "How does this measure up to the will of God in my life?"