



Discipleship: Total Attachment to Jesus

Colossians 2:16-17, 23

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Objective of this study: To understand more about the life Jesus has for us, and how it's different than legalism.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 73:21-26** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome question

Has there been something that you've been unwilling to give up that interfered with a relationship that was important to you?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Colossians 2:6-8,16-17, 23. Also Luke 9:18-25..
3. The title of the sermon is "Discipleship: Total Attachment to Jesus." Real discipleship is based on attachment to Jesus. In contrast, legalism is not. See Col.2:6-8,16-17, 23 and note the contrasts.
4. Read Isaiah 29:13 and see what it has to say about legalism as opposed to what God actually desires.
5. Read Luke 15:11-32. This is a parable Jesus told the Pharisees to show them how they were missing God's heart, in spite of all their legalistic efforts. In this story, both sons were far from their father's heart. One gave up his ways that separated him from his father, and returned. What did the other son do? What separated him from his father's heart? What was the father's desire for this son?
6. Read John 15:1-4. What does Jesus say here about the kind of attachment he wants us to have with him? Why is it important?
7. In the parable of the 2 lost sons (Luke 15:11-32, in question 5 above), there was something that interfered with each of the sons' relationship with their father. One gave it up, the other didn't. Is there something that interferes with your attachment to Jesus?
8. What is your takeaway? What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart?

Prayer:

Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Thank Jesus for who he is and the life he has provided for us!**

Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

- A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
- B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.
- C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
- D. **Missionaries: Duane and Dawn Bakken.** (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)
- E. **Local church: Discovery Community Church**

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