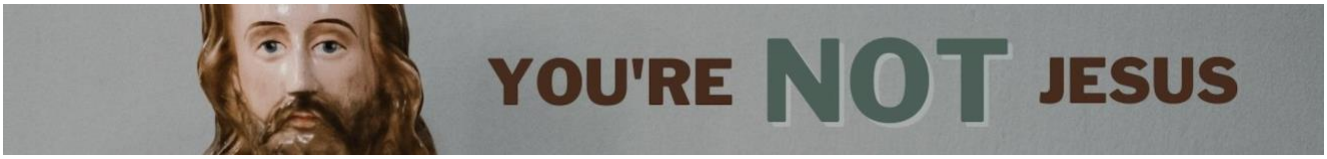

Sermon Based Questions

Part 3 – Lose the cape

Everyone wants to be a hero! We desire to be the one who shows up to save the day, to help our loved ones, or to fix the problems. In our attempts to be like Jesus, to better ourselves, and to help others, we can sometimes lose sight of our own need for a saviour.

Conversation Starters:

- Who is your favourite super hero?
- What is the most heroic thing you have ever done?

Discussion Questions:

1. When we read Bible stories like David and Goliath, we are often tempted to view ourselves as the hero / heroin. How does our view of ourself change when we place Christ in his rightful place as **the saviour** in these great stories?
2. The greatest enemies of humanity are not climate change or nuclear war. Our greatest enemies are sin & death according to the scriptures (Rom 3:23, 1 Tim 1:15). Why do you think these two subjects are often ignored or dismissed in our society?

Read **Hebrews 9:27-28**

3. Death is the great equalizer – it comes for everyone. How does the reality of our impending death amplify our need for a saviour?

Read **Luke 18:9-14**

4. Do your prayers sound more like the pharisee's or the tax collectors?
5. *"God is not looking for information, he is looking for desperation."* Why do you think God is looking for desperation? How does a prayer of desperation differ from a prayer of information? When was the last time you prayed a desperate prayer?
6. Salvation is a **moment**. Can you recall the moment you trusted in Christ as your saviour? Did you sense your immense need for him?
7. Salvation is also a **process**. Like marriage, following Jesus is both a decision and a process we live out daily. Do you still sense your immense need for him?
8. If we are not careful, over time we will be tempted to drift from faith in Jesus to trusting in ourselves (works). Is there an area of your life where you used to trust Jesus and now you are handling it on your own?

Read **Luke 18:15-17**

9. We must receive the kingdom of God "like a child". Salvation is not something we earn. It is not about what we've done, it is about what he has done. Is there a next step of faith that God is inviting you to? (Baptism as a sign of faith? Generosity? Your next step of faith?)

Pray together