

Let's Discuss...Jesus

PART 6_The Way, the Truth, & Abundant Life



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Scriptures mentioned:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6 ESV

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8 NLT

"All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever."
1 Peter 1:24-25 NIV (quoting Isaiah 40:8-9)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
John 10:10 ESV

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
John 10:10b NIV

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Summary

In this video, we talk about how Truth was embodied in the person of Jesus. Despite the ever-changing nature of the world around us, Jesus gives us an understanding of Truth that is reliable, objective, and unchanging. We also talk about what it means to live in abundance. Although this term has been misused in some church circles, the abundant life that Jesus offers us is something internal, and can never be stolen or taken away.

Definitions

immutability: the quality of not changing over time; the unchanging nature of God

Let's Discuss...

- Do you believe truth is objective or subjective? Why?
- Renaud talks about how he has at times had a performance mindset, and used this as a marker for whether or not he was living an abundant life. What are some markers you have used at different seasons of your life, that made you feel like you were/weren't living abundantly? Do these markers line up with a biblical understanding of what it looks like to have an abundant life?
- Would you be satisfied with an abundant life that does not include financial wealth? Or if like Paul's life, it includes serious trials (hello, prison?!)? Would you still follow Jesus?
- Andrea mentions how one of the blessings of abundance includes the ability for our abundance to overflow into the lives of those around us. Can you think of a time when someone else's abundance (faith, joy, finance, etc.) overflowed into your life and blessed you? In what way have you done this for others?
- What daily practices can help us to cultivate the abundant life that Jesus offers us?
- We get the idea of abundant life being found in Jesus from what He says in John 10:10. Take a moment to read the rest of this chapter and consider the following:
 - » What is the context in which Jesus makes this statement?
 - » He refers to Himself in these verses as the Good Shepherd. What does He say characterises the Good Shepherd? What does the Good Shepherd do?
 - » What characterises the sheep in relation to the Good Shepherd?
 - » Jesus also talks about thieves and hired hands...how do they differ from the Good Shepherd?

Let's Pray...

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.
John 10:27-28 NIV

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And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
Matthew 6:28-30 ESV

Paul shares about his imprisonment and many other trials
2 Corinthians 11:23-27

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13 ESV

- Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us refocus our vision of abundant life as one that is marked by recognising His voice and finding eternal security in Him. May He help us to make daily decisions that better enable us to listen when He speaks, to know Him more, and to follow Him. Let's thank Jesus for being a Good Shepherd who we can trust and know that we are safe with.

Let's Go Deeper...

- **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23** by W Phillip Keller [book]