Water of Life Community Church
LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER
WEEK ONE: BURDENED

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3; JOHN 13:34-35

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Over the next eight sessions we're going to consider what it means to faithfully follow Jesus. Understanding that we all have some ideas and questions about what that means, we want to dig into Scripture to gain a true, biblical foundation for our lives as Jesus followers. In this first session, we'll learn that following Jesus is all about relationships.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WATCH THE VIDEO, "SESSION 1: BURDENED".

a. Vance began by saying we all have the tendency to make following Jesus about what we do or what we know. Why do we equate faithfulness with knowing and doing? Which tendency do you err towards most often?

b. What else stood out to you from the video session?

2. READ 2 CORINTHIANS 11:3.

a. How do we miss the simplicity and purity of a relationship with Jesus when we reduce following Him to doing things for Him or knowing things about Him?

In our Christian journey, we gravitate towards doing and knowing because those things feel attainable to us. In our Christian life, pursuing activity and knowledge only leaves us weary and exhausted. Truly following Jesus is about entering into a relationship with Him. This is freeing because real relationships aren't defined by what we do for someone or know about them—it certainly includes those things—but the essence of a relationship is intimacy.

b. Following Jesus is about walking in the three relationships Jesus walked in (see John 15:5,12 and 17:18). What are these relationships, and where do we see them in the life of Jesus?

c. What can we learn about Jesus through relationships that we could never gain through knowing or doing?

Following Jesus means walking in the same relationships Jesus walked in: a love relationship with the Father, in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and in relationships with the world—those who don't know God. We abide in Christ personally and daily, We connect in community through large and small groups. We share in the mission locally and globally.

3. READ JOHN 13:34-35.

a. How are the three relationships Jesus walked in interdependent?

All three relationships are interdependent and interrelated. As we begin to walk in the relationships Jesus walked in, His life will naturally flow out of us as He lives in and through us. As we see God at work in the world, it will deepen our love for Him and our commitment to the church.

b. What is the difference between living for Jesus and allowing Jesus to live in and through us?

c. We opened this session asking what it looks like to follow Jesus. How has your original answer changed in light of the video teaching?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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MEMORY VERSE

John 13:34-35. Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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