

The Way Of The Master | Week 1

Introduction

Jesus calls us to be more than just knowledgeable about Him - He invites us into an apprenticeship where we actively learn and practice His way of life. Like any skilled apprentice, we grow by spending time with our Master, observing His ways, and putting His teachings into practice. This week, we'll explore what it means to move beyond simply knowing about Jesus to truly walking in His ways.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Think back to learning something hands-on from someone else. What made that learning experience different from just reading about it in a book?
- What's one way you've intentionally spent time learning from Jesus this past week? *(Bible reading, prayer, serving others, or another practice.)*

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (10 minutes)

Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [Matthew 4:19-20](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What is an area of your life you can begin to grow in?
2. What's the difference between knowing facts about someone and truly knowing them as a person? How might this apply to our relationship with Jesus?
3. Read [John 8:31-32](#). Jesus says true disciples 'hold to his teaching.'
 - What does it mean to not just hear teachings but 'hold to' them?
 - What freedom comes from this kind of discipleship?"
4. Read [1 John 2:5-6](#). What does it mean to 'walk as Jesus walked'? What are some specific ways Jesus walked that we can practice?
5. In what areas of your life do you find yourself knowing what Jesus teaches but struggling to put it into practice?
 - What one area do you want to focus on this week?
 - What are some practical ways you can begin to put this into practice?
 - How can the group support you?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Pray for the steps the group shared in question #5. You can use your own words or the following prayer guide:

"Lord Jesus, our Master and Teacher, We thank you for calling us to be more than just believers, but true apprentices of your way... [Pause for silent gratitude]

Forgive us for times we've settled for knowing about you instead of truly walking with you... [Pause for silent confession]

Show each of us the next step in following you more closely... [Pause for listening to anything the Holy Spirit may bring to mind]

Give us courage to move from knowledge to action, from information to transformation... [Invite group members to pray aloud as led]

Amen."

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Serve your community! Join us for the monthly [We Care donation drive](#) or find a local organization to serve together with your small group.