

“Sacred Becoming” Group Study

Discovering Jesus: **Week 2**

Passage: John 1:6-18

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ICEBREAKER:

1. What things have you been beholding (to see, look upon or gaze at) this week?



Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

Begin by trying to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

We can _____ because _____.

→ _____ to _____

→ _____ in _____

→ _____ with _____

→ _____ God's _____

_____ is the entry point to _____.

(In case you get stuck, click this link for the filled in outline: [Sacred Becoming - outline](#))

2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. Often we wrongly believe that what we “do” is more important than the people we are becoming. Paul states an important truth for the Christian life: *we become what we behold*. Discuss what the practice of beholding might look like in everyday life.
3. Read John 1:14. How did Jesus model the balance of being full of grace and truth?
4. It is important for the believer to model Christ's balance of grace and truth. Do you lean more towards being a truth teller or a grace giver? Why is it important that we exercise both?



Develop the Heart of Jesus

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. How can you develop the humility of John the Baptist, who recognized that he was not the light but only came to testify about it, as described in John 1:6-8?
6. J. I. Packer wrote in *Knowing God*, “You sum up the whole of New Testament religion if you describe it as the knowledge of God as one’s holy Father.” Jesus came in the flesh to reveal the Father. What does it mean to you to be a child of God?
7. In what ways has God proved to be a faithful Father to you?



Deploy for the sake of Others

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

8. Share some ways that we can be effective witnesses for Christ in our neighborhoods and local communities.
9. What are some practical ways that you can show others the grace and truth this week?

Church Announcements & Info:

Women's Game Night Friday, April 28, 6:30-8:30pm, Holy Grounds Cafe Come join the women of Emmanuel Faith for an evening of food, fun and worship. We'll enjoy rolled tacos and guacamole for dinner. We'll also play different board and other party games around each table. Click below to RSVP or for more info.

<https://www.efcc.org/event/womens-game-night/>

Family Fun Day & Annual Business Meeting, Sunday, April 30!

Lunch will be served at Noon and the meeting will start at 1:30pm in the Worship Center. Members will be able to vote, but everyone is welcome to attend as we hear reports about what God has done at EFCC this last year.

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