

Week of February 12

Focus: Chapter 7: No More Leaving Jesus Behind

Theme: Purpose

Scripture Memory: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Overview: Last week, the Men's Ministry had an opportunity to shoot sporting clays, and hear Mike Able's testimony of faith and its impact within his family. He stated that he had the head knowledge but didn't commit his heart right away. As he continued to attempt to "fix" or "lead" all situations, he became overwhelmed by the burden of the responsibilities, as well as the numerous failures before him. God had allowed him to come to this breaking point of independence to dependence on Him. Mike's commitment to Christ as Lord of his life didn't exclude him from adversity, but gave him comfort in knowing God's sovereignty through any of it. He was free from the burden, which made him able to love better, serve better, and share his faith with others in Word and deed. Is Jesus a known entity just in your mind or has He become the main engine within your life?

Daily Devotions (Scripture & Meditation):

- **Monday:** John 1
 - *"Jesus' appearance was so cataclysmic that it served to divide the whole of human history into BC/AD"*
 - *As believers in Christ, we become transformed from our old self into an identity through Christ. Have others seen that transformation in you or have you seen others transformed in their behavior to make you say, "What sort of man is this?"*
 - *What are ways that you could pursue Christ better?*

- **Tuesday:** John 14
 - *"In order to truly know Jesus, you must abide in Him, hang out in His Presence, feel His heartbeat, and discover what brings His pleasure".*
 - *Take an inventory of the amount of time that you spend worshiping God in prayer, studying His Word, corporate worship, meditation, etc. How does this time compare to the other things within your life? What changes can you make?*

- **Wednesday:** 1 John 1
 - *"Obedience rooted in love is the requirement for ongoing, developing, ever-deepening fellowship with the Lord."*
 - *Is Jesus just your Savior instead of both Lord of your life and Savior of it?*
 - *Why or why not?*

- **Thursday:** 1 John 2
 - *Are you pursuing a program instead of pursuing the person of Jesus Christ?*
 - *What changes can you make?*

- **Friday:** Romans 6
 - “Jesus must be so important to you that he transcends your most intimate relationships. He wants to be more important to you than you are to yourself.”
 - Where does Jesus truly rank in your life?
 - What changes should you make in order to bring Him to be #1 Lord of your life?

- **Saturday:** 2 Corinthians 5
 - *“Carrying your cross is dying to yourself and what you want, and putting Jesus first instead.”*
 - *What is God calling you to do recently that you have been noncommittal? What changes can you make to be “All in”?*

- **Sunday (Accountability Day):** Titus 2
 - Ask a brother about the scripture memory for the week to keep each other accountable.

Weekly Challenge:

What person(s) or thing(s) are taking priority as Lord of your life other than Christ? If Christ was in your life, how would these things fall into place through Christ’s direction?

Make the change. Seek forgiveness, repentance, and redemption. Find someone to hold you accountable for it.