

WHAT

WE ARE LEARNING
THIS SERIES





THE **WAY**

OF JESUS



SERIES TAGLINE: INVITATION ALWAYS REQUIRES RESPONSE (ACTION)

SERIES RHYTHM:

- 1. JESUS REVEALS THE WAY**
- 2. JAMES SHOWS US HOW TO
LIVE THE WAY**
- 3. WE EXAMINE WHETHER OUR
LIVES MATCH THE WAY**

SHORT SERIES LINE: JESUS SHOWS. JAMES EXPLAINS. WE EXAMINE.

THIS SERIES IS A HYBRID OF THE
WORDS OF JESUS AND JAMES.

WEEK 1 — THE INVITATION TO THE WAY

BIG IDEA: THE WAY OF JESUS IS LIFE.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 1:16-20 — JESUS CALLS THE DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 16: 24-28 — THERE IS A COST TO THE CALL

JOHN 14:6 — JESUS IS THE WAY AND THE LIFE

1 JOHN 2:3-6 — FOLLOWERS LIVE LIKE HIM

MAIN EMPHASIS:

FOLLOWING JESUS ISN'T ABOUT HOLDING ON TO LIFE YOUR WAY—IT'S ABOUT DISCOVERING THE LIFE HE OFFERS.

SUB-POINT: YOU LOSE YOUR LIFE YOUR WAY TO FIND THE LIFE HIS WAY. (MATTHEW 16:25)

WEEK 2 — TRUSTING THE WAY

BIG IDEA: THE WAY OF JESUS LEADS TO LIFE EVEN WHEN THE PATH IS HARD.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 4:35-41 — JESUS CALMS THE STORM

JAMES 1:2-8 — TRIALS REVEAL TRUST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 — WALK BY FAITH, NOT SIGHT

MAIN EMPHASIS:

TRUST GROWS WHEN WE STAY ON THE WAY INSTEAD OF WALKING AWAY.

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WEEK 3 — SUBMITTING TO THE WAY
BIG IDEA: SUBMITTING TO JESUS SHAPES OUR
HEARTS AND CHOICES.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 10:17-22 — RICH YOUNG RULER
JAMES 1:22-25 — HEARING VS. DOING
JOHN 14:15 — “IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY
COMMANDS”

MAIN EMPHASIS:

SUBMISSION ISN'T ABOUT RESTRICTION—IT'S
HOW WE ALIGN OUR HEARTS AND
LIVES WITH JESUS' WAY.

WEEK 4 — SPEAKING THE WAY

BIG IDEA: THE WAY OF JESUS REVEALS WHAT'S IN
OUR HEARTS.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 7:20-23 — SIN FLOWS FROM THE HEART
JAMES 1:19-20 — CONTROL YOUR ANGER
JAMES 3:9-10 — BLESSING AND CURSING

MAIN EMPHASIS:

WHAT COMES OUT OF OUR MOUTHS REFLECTS
WHAT'S IN OUR HEARTS— FOLLOWING JESUS
SHAPES BOTH.

WEEK 5 — PERSEVERING IN THE WAY

BIG IDEA: THE WAY OF JESUS LEADS TO LIFE EVEN WHEN FOLLOWING HIM COSTS SOMETHING.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 8:34–38 — TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

JAMES 1:12 — PERSEVERANCE UNDER TRIALS

1 PETER 4:12–13 — REJOICE IN SUFFERING WITH PURPOSE

MAIN EMPHASIS:

FOLLOWING JESUS DOESN'T REMOVE HARDSHIP—IT ANCHORS US IN IT AND SHOWS WHO WE REALLY TRUST.

WEEK 6 — LOVING THE WAY

BIG IDEA: THE WAY OF JESUS SHAPES HOW WE TREAT OTHERS.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 2:13–17 — JESUS EATS WITH SINNERS

JAMES 2:1–7 — NO FAVORITISM

1 JOHN 3:16–18 — LOVE IN ACTION

MAIN EMPHASIS:

YOU CAN'T LIVE THE WAY OF JESUS AND TREAT SOME PEOPLE AS LESS THAN.

WEEK 7 — LIVING THE WAY

BIG IDEA: THE WAY OF JESUS SHOWS UP IN OUR ACTIONS, NOT JUST OUR WORDS OR BELIEFS.

SCRIPTURES:

MATTHEW 7:24-27 — WISE BUILDER OBEYS

JAMES 2:14-18 — FAITH IN ACTION

MARK 10:45 — JESUS CAME TO SERVE

MAIN EMPHASIS:

FAITH THAT DOESN'T SHOW UP IN OUR ACTIONS ISN'T THE FAITH JESUS CALLS US TO.

WEEK 8 — CHOOSING THE WAY

BIG IDEA: FOLLOWING JESUS IS A DAILY DECISION TO CHOOSE HIS WAY IN OUR LIVES.

SCRIPTURES:

MARK 14:38 — FLESH VS. SPIRIT

JAMES 4:7-10 — SUBMIT TO GOD

ROMANS 8:5-6 — MIND SET ON THE SPIRIT

MAIN EMPHASIS:

LIFE IS FOUND BY CHOOSING HIS WAY OVER OURS, EVERY SINGLE DAY.