


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.**

**THE  
WAY**  
OF JESUS

## **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.**

**THE  
WAY**  
OF JESUS



## **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.**