

I Believe— Week 1
People of the Word— Jim Burgen
July 31th, 2022

// Bible References

Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 3:10;

// Message Summary

Pastor Jim Burgen answers, “what type of Church is Flatirons” and looks at what Jesus said regarding that. Jesus’ last instructions to his apostles:

- a. **Go**...leave where you currently are gathered...take what you’ve learned from Jesus to places where it’s not present.
- b. **Make disciples**...a disciple is a student of Jesus who not only studies Jesus but follows him...more on that in a minute.
- c. **Baptizing them**...the new follower when they come to a point of faith.
- d. **Keep on teaching all disciples to obey everything Jesus said to do**...including...#1, go.

Main thought:

“I want to leave behind a church where people...young and old...know and love the Word of God intimately...and they love Jesus and the way that you know they love Jesus is because they obey him...they imitate him...they remind other people of the kind of person that Jesus is.”

Pastor Jim then challenges us to have knowledge of what is in the Bible but more importantly, to love what is in there and have it guide our lives. He then challenged us to get a bible, read it and do it.

// Community Questions

1. If you have ever had to function as an intern, apprentice, trainee, or a similar role, describe how you learned and how you were measured to prove that you were advancing in that role? What was the relationship between the apprentice and the master teacher or subject matter expert?
2. If Christianity were illegal, what type of evidence would be brought forward to convict a person of following Christ?

// Discussion Questions

1. How do you describe Flatirons when someone asks you “what kind of church is it”?
2. “In order to become people of the Word of God, then we have to have a Bible and read the Word of God”. This seems like a “no-brainer” type of statement, yet Jim felt called to make it. What is the purpose of reading the Bible? If you don’t read the Bible much, what are sources of “truth” put before you daily?
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20. These are Jesus last words before he ascends into heaven. What are the different commands and functionally, how should we be doing that?
4. What is the difference between believing in God and that Jesus is God’s son versus believing in God and that Jesus is God’s son but also living like he is your lord and savior? (Read Mat 8:28; James 2:19)
5. Jim said: “Forgiveness is the starting line, not the finish line.” If Satan loses you to baptism, he has one last strategy – “dunk’em, dry’em off, dry’em up”. That way, you might not be going to hell but at least you are not walking as a disciple of Christ and impacting others. How does knowing what Jesus said in the Bible help us in becoming a disciple? What is the impact a disciple has on others versus a “moral churchgoer” (as Matt Chandler describes non-growing Christians)?
6. Read this quote from Jim’s message

SO, IN A NUTSHELL...THE CHURCH THAT JESUS HAD IN MIND IS MADE UP OF HIS FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS WHO ARE INTENTIONALLY LIVING THEIR LIVES IN SUCH A WAY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEING PEOPLE THAT THEY CARE ABOUT WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY FOLLOWING JESUS BECOME FULLY DEVOTED DISCIPLES/FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WHO, LIKE THEM, TOGETHER, ARE PROGRESSIVELY LIVING OUR LIVES IN OBEDIENCE AND CONFORMITY TO THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

Notice the words “fully”, “intentionally”, “progressively”. Describe how we can follow Jesus “fully”, “progressively” and “intentionally”? How does that play out each day?

// **Challenge:** Read 1 chapter a day in John or Read John 1 each day this week.

Jim challenged us to get a physical bible and start to read it. Here is a link to the [regular English Standard](#)



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