



Post Christian Jesus – Week 3

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Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation--encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 5:22; Isaiah 42:1-4; Romans 5:8;

2 Corinthians 5:21; John 13:21-26; Matthew 26:50; Matthew 26-27

// Message Summary

This week Jesse talks about how we, in a post Christian world, now more than ever need to lean into not only tolerating people but going further to love them. Jesus was the perfect example of loving people who are different than yourself. He talks about how Jesus loved Judas, and even placed him in the seat of honor at the Last Supper, all the way up to Judas's betrayal of Jesus. In this world today it has become normal to **"tolerate"** people for having different viewpoints, different opinions, different beliefs etc. And this has led to **contempt** of those people. We stay in our tribe, our safe place, and leave "those people" over there. However, we are called to **love** them, and seat them at our table just as Jesus sat so many diverse people at His table.

// Community Questions

1. What is an annoying behavior of a friend or family member that you've learned to **tolerate**? (ex. Loud chewing, snoring, leaving underwear on the floor, calling instead of texting?)
2. Explain a time (without using names) when you had someone outside of your tribe sitting at your table, and things felt awkward, but you leaned in, chose not to speak, and listened instead.

// Discussion Questions



1. We all have people who we struggle to tolerate, much less, love. Without naming the specific person/people, why do you think you react the way you do to those with certain worldviews, political beliefs, backgrounds, religions, etc.?
2. Read Isaiah 42:1-4 as a group. What differences do you notice in the way Jesus brings justice versus the way society tries to achieve justice?
3. How different do you think our world would be if instead of insisting that people agree with our stance on religion, sexuality, politics, we truly loved each other the way that Jesus loves us?
4. According to Romans 5:8, a Jesus-kind of love always leads to sacrifice. Jesus sacrificed his position, power, and life which led to justice. What would you have to sacrifice, in order to love people that are different than you? Pride? Power? Being right?
5. Do you have a cool story of an unlikely friendship/connection between yourself and someone completely opposite of you? Share that with the group.

// Challenge

This week, who do you need to invite to dinner? Who do you need to spend time with, to listen to, and not to speak yourself; to understand without having to be understood?

Start with the person at work that you really struggle with. Or engage in a conversation with your neighbor you disagree with politically. Get to know people who see the world differently than you do. To show that the radical love of Jesus empowers us to love others that we would not love on our own.