

Summer Series Overview

SEVEN WEEKS, Tuesday 6:30-8:30

June 19 Introduction

June 26 Being Christian

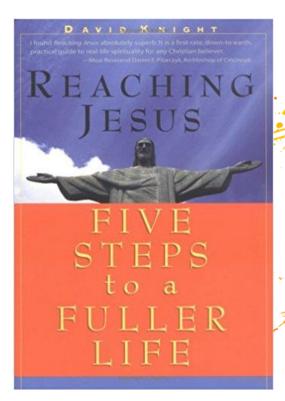
July 3 BEING A DISCIPLE

July 10 Being a Prophet

July 17 Being a Priest

July 24 Being a King/Steward

July 31 Celebration



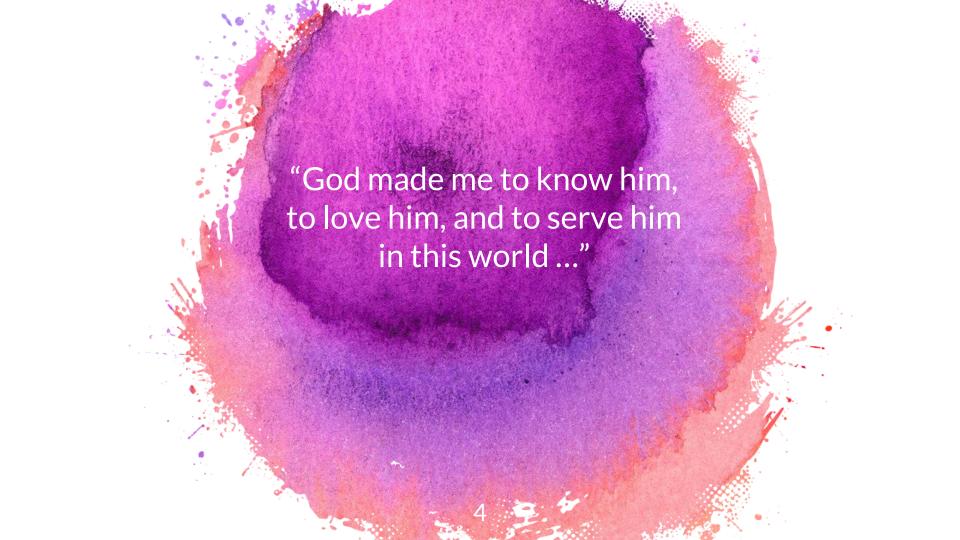


Last Week: The Choice to Be a Christian

"Either make Jesus an effective, operative part of everything you do, or see your life 'miss the mark' (the root meaning of sin)." p.12

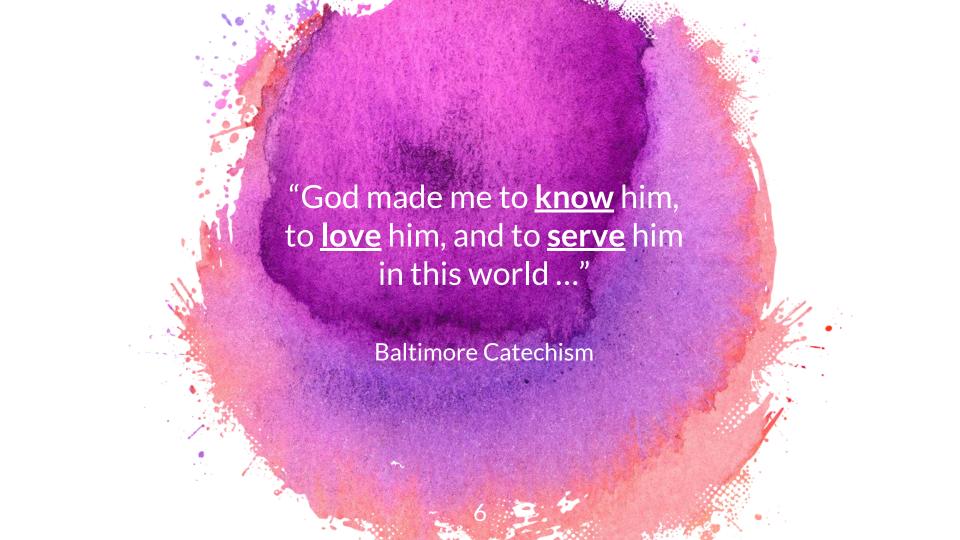
"It is not a question of more or less; it is a question of either-or."





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The Second Step to a Fuller Life:

The Choice to Be a Disciple



God is always in some way the unfamiliar, beyond what we're used to, beyond our comfort zone, beyond what we can explain or understand.

Richard Rohr, The Divine Dance



If you comprehend it, it is not God.

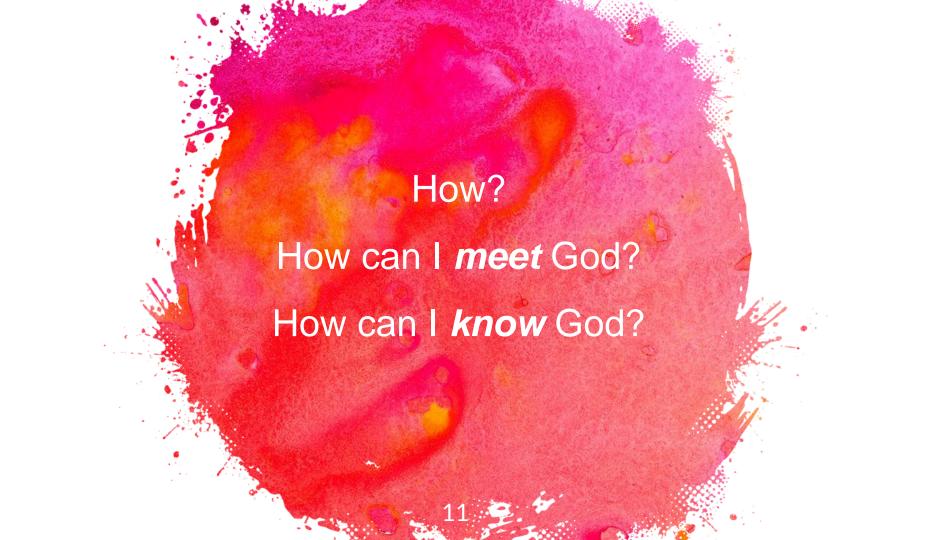
Saint Augustine (354-430) Sermo 117:5



God cannot be thought, but God can be met.

Ronald Rolheiser, The Shattered Lantern





Jesus said, I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.

Truth is not limited to the few, but is available to all. Truth is public, unifying and pneumatic.

~ St. Irenaeus (130-202)



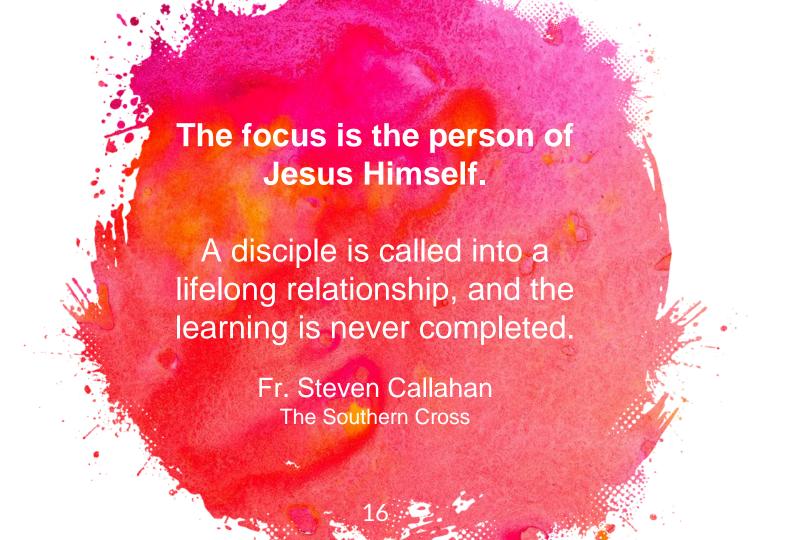


To be disciples of Jesus Christ, we have to be his students; that is, we have to be studying under him now.

Few Christians are doing that. p.29

"I go to Mass." "I believe in God." "I pray before meals." "I'm doing what I learned." "I've read most of the Bible." But... "I'm a good person." "I went to Catholic school." "The nuns taught me." "My mother taught CCD." "I give to charity."

"I listen to Christian music."



If we are not in some way sitting at His feet and learning from Jesus here and now, we are not His disciples now.

Since no one graduates from the school of Jesus until death, *if we are not disciples we are dropouts*. p.30



Where do I begin?

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Made Alive in Christ

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Unity in the Body of Christ

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7But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8This is why. ito says: Dembrace Your Identituto

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- 2. So What?
- 3. Now What?



1. What?

What does the passage say? Summarize what you read.

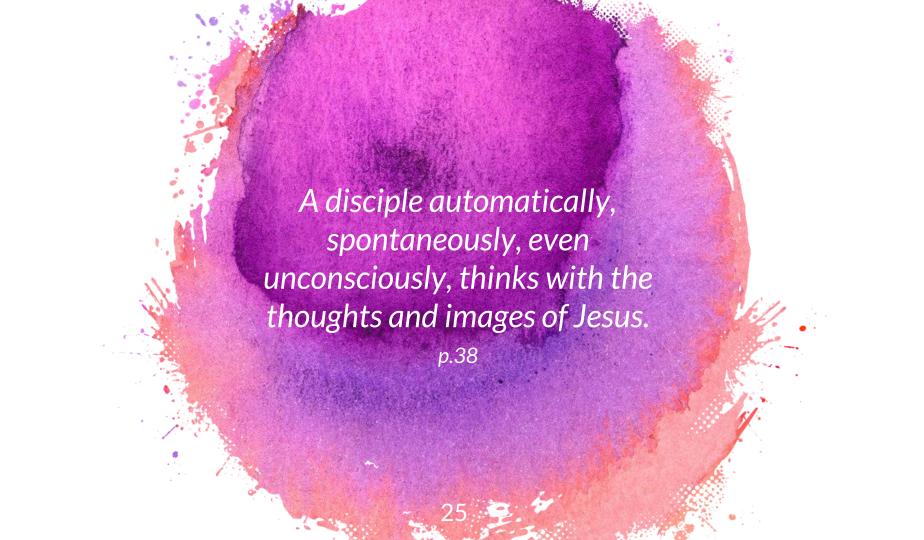


2. So What?

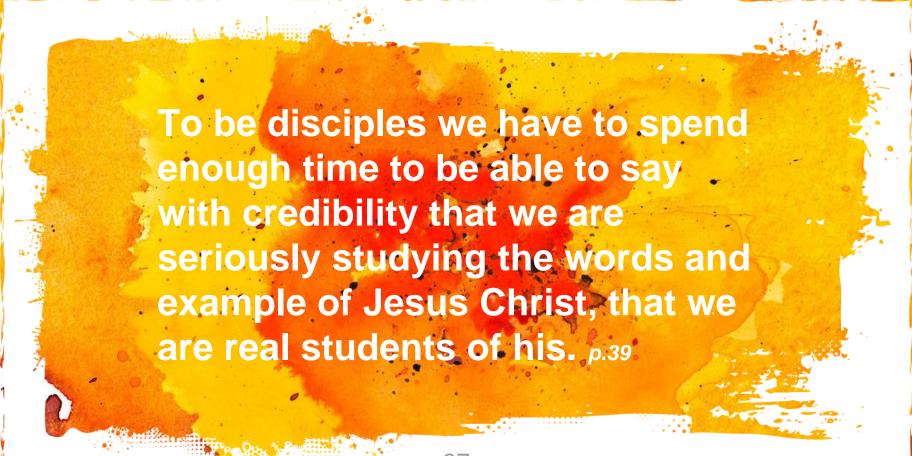
What does it mean? What did it mean to the people then? What does it reveal to me?

3. Now What?

What am I going to do? How does this affect how I live?
What beliefs need to change?



But I don't have time!



Reality Check:

- 1. What do I spend my free time doing?
- 2. What do I spend my money on?
- 3. What do I spend my time thinking about?



The reality is we were created to know God, to love God and to serve God on this earth and to be united with him in perfect joy forever.

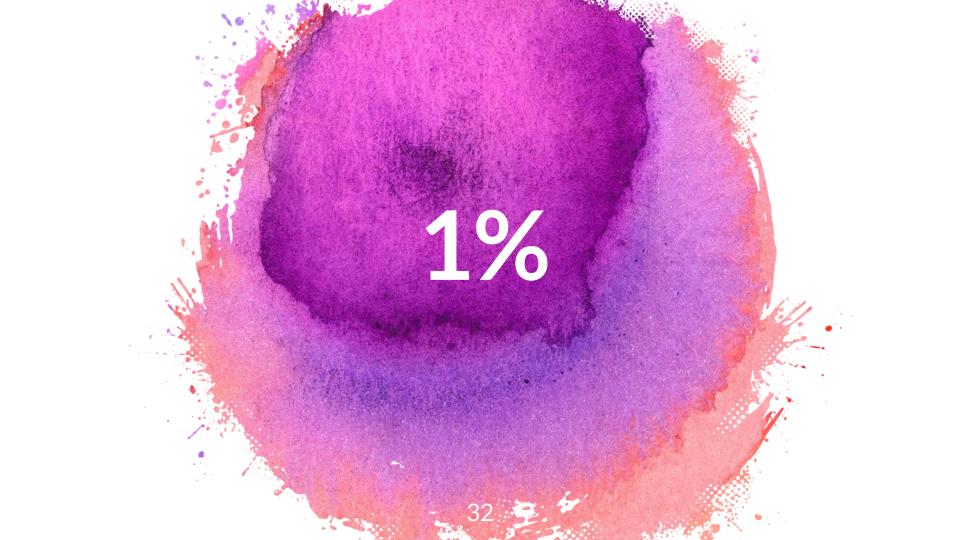
This is all we have time for because it is all we have life for. p.44

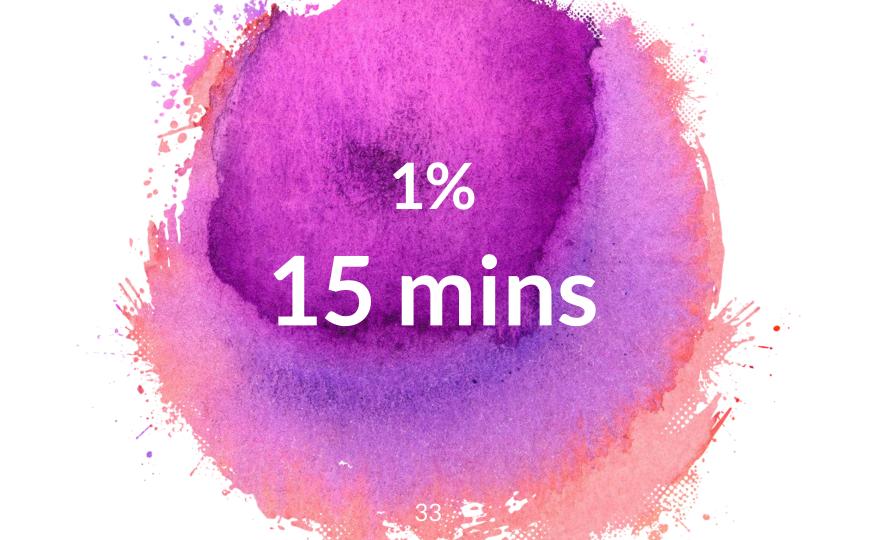
Hebrews 4:12

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.









The choice to lead a life characterized by reflection on the message of Jesus.



Next Session

July 10, 6:30-8:30

"The Choice to Be a Prophet"



