

# LifeGroup Study

## Jesus Curious : Start With Jesus

### SERMON SUMMARY

When investigating Christianity, it is incredibly easy to get derailed by debates about history, science, church hypocrisy, or secondary theological issues. But the core of the Christian faith isn't a philosophy or a moral code, it is a person. By confronting the person of Jesus directly, we discover that the entire Biblical narrative, and the deepest longings of our hearts, point straight to Him.

### KEY VERSE

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

### SERMON NOTES

<https://bible.com/events/49591>

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### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What ideas from the sermon caught your attention?
2. Read Luke 24:13-35. When we realize the Bible isn't just a disconnected collection of rules, but a unified story pointing to Jesus, how does that change the way we read difficult, dry, or confusing passages in the Old Testament?
3. Think about the skeptics or non-believers you know. Do you think it is important to bypass debates about church history or science, and instead look directly at the historical person and words of Jesus when investigating faith? Why and why not?
4. When you look at the words, actions, and radical claims of Jesus in the Gospels, which specific teaching or moment makes it hardest for the world to simply brush Him off as just another historical figure?
5. What is one "distraction" or side-issue that has either tripped you up in your own faith journey, or that you see actively tripping up our culture today? How can we gently redirect those complicated conversations back to the person of Jesus?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:14. Why is it absolutely vital to ground our faith in the historical reality of the resurrection, rather than just treating Jesus' teachings as "inspiring metaphors" or "helpful advice for a good life"?
7. Read Mark 8:34. Contending with the words of Jesus means taking His demands seriously. What is one practical area of your life right now where you feel challenged to "deny yourself" in order to follow His way more closely?
8. Read Luke 24:32. Apologetics gives us intellectual confidence, but the Spirit gives us internal conviction. Can you share a time when a specific teaching, verse, or experience of Jesus made your "heart burn"? A moment when head knowledge dropped down into deep, personal conviction?
9. Read Luke 6:46. Where do you find the biggest gap between what you know Jesus teaches and what you actually do on a Tuesday afternoon? How can this group help encourage you to close that gap?

### CLOSING PRAYER

Pray specifically for the non-believers in your lives and perhaps in your group. Ask that, just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus would personally reveal Himself to them and open their eyes to the truth of who He is.