
[SERMON NOTES]

The Start of the With-Nesses (Acts 3:1- 4:22)

_____ is changing direction to trust and walk _____ Jesus in His way of life.

- We are called away from _____ into repentance - to know God and expect Him to work.
- We are called away from _____ into surrender and obedience.

We are called to a life _____ Jesus in order to _____ like Him.

- The first temptation is to live out lives _____ God.
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- The second temptation is to live our lives _____ God, but not with Him.

When we prioritize living our lives *with* God, then our lives will bear fruit _____ God.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Show me your friends, I'll show you your future... You are what you eat!... Imitation is the purest form of flattery. These phrases, along with many others, reveal a true reality of our lives: we become 'products' of our environments. From the people we spend time with to the stuff we consume, everything is offering to 'disciple' us in some way or another. **Who or what would you say has shaped you the most in life (either positively or negatively) and in what ways?**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

In this week's message, we heard about the story of Peter and John performing their first miracle of healing! We pull at this narrative from two perspectives, the common Israelite and the Ruler-Elder, who each had a different view of the event and the disciples themselves. One group with *surprise and confusion* whereas the others responded with *fear and control*. **When you think of your journey with Jesus - which would you say is your more natural response to the call to follow Jesus? Explain your answer.**

Thus far in the book of Acts, the key action in responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit is to *repent*. The root of this word means to be transformed or to change directions. ***What would you say is the difference between sorrow and repentance?***

Through the first half of the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul talks about the importance and interwoven nature of grace, law, sin, and repentance as vital to living with Jesus in the new life He has given to us! ***Spend some time reading the passage below. Then, next to each passage, write out one thing that sticks out to you from that passage.***

Romans 3:19-31

Romans 5:1-11

Romans 6:15-23

Romans 8:1-17

One of the big takeaways from the message this week was that we are called to ***live life WITH Jesus***, not just *for*, and certainly not *without!* (Acts 4:13, Colossians 3:1-3, Matthew 28:20) However, we realize that we all have areas to learn and grow in our walk *with* Jesus.

Use the chart below to consider the average percentage of your daily/weekly life is being spent WITH - FOR - WITHOUT Jesus. Then, write out an opportunity you see about yourself to spend more time WITH Jesus moving forward.

<u>Avg. time WITH Jesus</u>	<u>Avg. time FOR Jesus</u>	<u>Avg. time WITHOUT Jesus</u>
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Opportunity to spend more time with Jesus:

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Acts 3

Deuteronomy 18

Genesis 22

Matthew 28