

Who is this man group discussion

Session 1

- Check in with each other - make sure you are caring for each other in the group.
- What part of this teaching stood out to you or had an impact for you?

Read these 10 revolutionary teachings of Jesus. Put a check next to the ones you have recently witnessed being lived out among others in the Christian community. Put an X by any of these teachings that you think the church is particularly bad at living out.

10 Revolutionary Teachings of Jesus...

Embrace a surrendered and sacrificial life.

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it (Luke 9:23-24 NLT).

Love your enemies.

You have heard people say, "Love your neighbors and hate your enemies." But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you (Matthew 5:43-44 CEV).

Do not take revenge; turn the other cheek.

You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also (Matthew 5:38-39 NLT).

If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously (Matthew 5:42 MSG).

Forgive without ceasing.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37).

Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying "I repent," you must forgive them (Luke 17:4).

Share the best of who you are and what you have with those who can't reciprocate.

When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous (Luke 14:13-14).

Do not worry.

I tell you not to worry about your life.. Can worry make you live longer? (Matthew 6:25, 27 CEV).

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow (Matthew 6:34 MSG).

Practice servanthood - it is the path to greatness.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet (John 13:14).

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:26-28).

Protect yourself from greed.

Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot (Luke 12:15 MSG).

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.... You cannot serve both God and money (Matthew 6:19, 24 NLT).

Do not judge or condemn.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not Condemn, and you will not be condemned (Luke 6:37).

Humble yourself.

God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth
(Matthew 5:5 NLT).

If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble
yourself, you will be honored (Luke 14:11 CEV).

Discuss together...

- What was it like to use Jesus' teachings to assess your Christian community and yourself? For example, did it make you uncomfortable, help you to recognize goodness you had overlooked, or shift your perspective in some way?
- Describe how you have recently witnessed Jesus' teachings being lived out among others in your own Christian community. What stood out most about it? How did it impact the people involved?
- Share an example of how you have recently lived out Jesus' teachings in your own life. What made this easy or difficult for you to do?
- If you could choose just one teaching and know that everyone in your Christian community would live it out fully and radically, which teaching would you choose? What do you imagine might happen - within and beyond your community - as a result?