



A NEWSPRING CHURCH MESSAGE SERIES

DR. JESUS

4 SESSIONS WITH THE
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

WEEK #2: THE JESUS RULE

INTRODUCTION

What if you could make an appointment with Jesus to talk about what you're going through? While he was on earth, it was his mission to meet with people one-on-one and help them with their struggles. He listened, understood, and offered guidance unlike anyone else. And the wisdom he shared then is still changing lives today. The Bible calls him the Wonderful Counselor. Step into his office for four sessions that could transform the way you live.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Paul describes an internal war between wanting to do good and actually doing it. When have you experienced this struggle most intensely?
2. Who are "those people" in your life—the ones you find hardest to love? What makes loving them so challenging?
3. Jesus says to "love your enemies" and "pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-47). What would it look like practically to pray for someone who has hurt you or someone you disagree with politically, socially, or religiously?
4. Read Matthew 7:3-5 about the speck and the log. Why is it so much easier to notice others' faults than our own?
5. Galatians 6:4-5 tells us to "pay careful attention to your own work" rather than comparing ourselves to others. How does comparison steal our joy and distract us from what God has called us to do?
6. According to Galatians 6:7-10, we "reap what we sow." How have you seen this principle play out in your life—either positively or negatively?
7. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE & TAKEAWAYS

Matthew 5:43-47, 6:1-4, 7:3-5, 7:12 / Romans 7:21-25 / Galatians 5:22-23, 6:4-5, 6:7-10 / Romans 5:8 / Luke 10:25-37.

1. The Jesus Rule is transformational, not transactional. It's not about keeping score but about allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts to love like Jesus.
2. Sacrificial love extends to everyone—especially those we consider "other." Jesus modeled this by dying for us while we were still sinners.
3. Focus on your own spiritual growth rather than judging others. We're each responsible for our own conduct before God.
4. God sees and rewards faithful love. Even when no one else notices, God does—and he promises a harvest of blessing for those who don't give up doing good.