

AN INTRODUCTION TO

THE WAY OF JESUS



From Ash Wednesday to Easter Week 2018

THE WAY OF JESUS: HIS LIFE

February 14, 2018 – February 20, 2018



THE WAY OF JESUS: HIS MISSION

February 21, 2018 – February 27, 2018



THE WAY OF JESUS: HIS CHARACTER

February 28, 2018 – March 6, 2018



THE WAY OF JESUS: HIS LOVE

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THE WAY OF JESUS: HIS COMMUNITY

March 28, 2018 – April 3, 2014



The Way of Jesus: Overview

Over the last two thousand years, since Jesus first extended the invitation to follow him, people from all over the world have taken up that invitation. Those who follow – His disciples – are on a journey of discovery. Every year there are millions more who become part of this great company. Such followers of Jesus must take to heart the focus of the simple words of one of the first followers: *Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. (1 John 2:6)* The Way of Jesus training being introduced with this booklet is intended to help Jesus followers do that very thing.

What is the Way of Jesus?

The Way of Jesus training is simply about *following Jesus*. It can be summarized in a simple three-fold statement: *Living Like Jesus, For Jesus and in the Power of the Spirit of Jesus*.

The Way of Jesus training recognizes the follower's dependence on God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Taking up the invitation of Jesus and following him is not merely about a life-style change. Jesus has invited us to a whole new life. This life is a participation in his death and resurrection. Following him is not to try our best to follow his example but entering through the door to life, Jesus. After all, Jesus is the one who said, *'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'* So the focus is on Jesus but, as you will see, Life in Jesus is also Life in the Spirit and Life in the Father!

May you have joy in your journey of life... and may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

The Way of Jesus: Seven Markers

Here is a simple language to describe what following Jesus looks like.

These seven markers characterize a follower of Jesus whether they are just starting out or have been on that journey for a lifetime. None of them stand alone; each is interdependent on the others as the strands of a rope combine to form one strong cord. However, they will be considered individually over the seven weeks of Lent.



HIS LIFE

I have begun following Jesus, and am depending on the Spirit of Jesus in my journey.



HIS MISSION

I am being sent by Jesus to bless others and invite them to follow Him.



HIS CHARACTER

I am becoming like Jesus in my attitudes, behaviours, and character.



HIS LOVE

I am learning to love God and love others.



HIS TEACHINGS

I am learning the teachings of Jesus.



HIS DISCIPLES

I am helping someone and someone is helping me to be a reproducing follower of Jesus.



HIS COMMUNITY

I am participating in a community of followers of Jesus on mission to the world.

The Way of Jesus: Anchors

Here are several sayings to commit to memory to keep you rooted in the same faith that has guided followers of Jesus through the centuries.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried*
The third day he rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven:
May your holy name be honored;
your Kingdom come;
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.
Keep us from yielding to temptation and deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever.
Amen

The Way of Jesus: Anchors (cont'd)

Walking in the Light

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:7-9)

His Teaching

... you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:15-17)

His Love

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matt 22:37-40)

His Disciplers

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Tim 2:2)

The Way of Jesus: Anchors (cont'd)

His Character: The Ten Commandments Abbreviated

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy...Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony.
10. You shall not covet

A Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Num. 6:24-26)

The Way of Jesus: Daily Rhythms

Walking the Way of Jesus requires that we learn to ***Listen-Trust-Obey***

The goal of the Way of Jesus is to help us to be able to say:

I am

1. Internalizing the 7 Markers & Anchors

2. Reading His Word: His Teachings

3. Practicing His Presence: His Life

4. Praying His Prayer: His Life

5. Blessing someone today: His Mission

6. Inviting someone into my journey with Jesus: His Mission

7. Helping my disciple and being helped to be reproducing: His Disciplers

I am living: 'Like Jesus, For Jesus and in the Power of the Spirit of Jesus.'

The Daily Rhythms are all embedded in the Seven Markers. They are actions that strengthen your walk with Jesus.

We will use the period of Lent this year to introduce 'The Way of Jesus' which is a training tool that has been prepared by The Evangelical Missionary Church under the leadership of our past president, Phil Delsaut. 'The Way of Jesus' is not a program but a way of life. So, this brief introduction will not complete 'The Way of Jesus.' However, as we immerse ourselves in this we could develop some patterns of life and discipleship that make a tremendous impact going forward. This is the reason why we are presenting this material.