



SESSION TWO: DO YOU NEED JESUS TODAY?

WATCH THE MESSAGE AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

Recalibration. We do it all the time. It means to adjust to a standard in a precise way. Industrialists recalibrate their scales, hunters adjust their rifle sights, and pilots reset their instruments. Recalibration is important in every aspect of our society, so shouldn't it be important in our relationship with Jesus? In this session, we'll take a moment to recalibrate by asking a very important question, "Do I need Jesus today?"

INTRODUCTION:

Hope is here in 2020 because Jesus is here in 2020. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

However this year looks to you, there is _____ for you because _____ is here.

In this series, we're turning our attention and affection towards Jesus and allowing Him to be more than enough for us because, if we're honest, it's really easy to _____ sight of Jesus.

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3 NASB

YOU ARE JESUS' VISION:

A vision is what _____ your heart. A vision is what you _____ more than anything else.

Do you realize that you're Jesus' vision? You're the thing that has captured His heart.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:10

And when you catch that you're Jesus' vision, He'll start to become _____ vision.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 NKJV

Whatever I'm hearing, my _____ in that thing begins to grow. All of us need our faith to grow not in what we have to _____, but in what Jesus has _____.

The message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance. Acts 20:32 NLT

Our hearts are drawn and attracted to grace the way a flower turns towards the sun and _____ up.

THE STORY OF THE LEPER AT THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT:

Jesus is teaching about the goodness and the grace of God, and off in the distance is a leper asking, " _____ this really be for me?".

He's got leprosy: an incurable, contagious disease that forces him to keep a distance from everybody else and be covered up in _____ his entire life.

In that moment, Jesus didn't get a disease; the man received the _____ of God.

In the old covenant, under the law, sin was the influencing agent. If a clean person touched an unclean person, the clean person became _____.

But under Jesus' grace, when a clean person touches an unclean person, the unclean person becomes _____. Grace is now the influencing agent.

Every one of us was born with leprosy – leprosy of the _____.

We try to _____ our stains out, but they don't go away. We spend a lot of time _____ ourselves, and that doesn't work.

We're the ones who are _____, and God is the one who is _____.

Jesus wants to _____ your identity, to _____ your relationship with God, and to _____ your purpose.

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart.

Psalm 51:17 NLT

What God wants from you and me isn't religion – it's _____.

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick... For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Matthew 9:12-13

The greatest barrier between you and God is not your sin – it's your _____. We need to humble ourselves and say, "Jesus, I _____ you every day".

"If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said, "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

Jesus has compassion, Jesus is _____, and Jesus is able.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36

The Bible says that we are sheep. Sheep have no weapons, but they have the ultimate weapon: a _____ who is willing to lay down his life for those sheep.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds, we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

You never have to question whether or not Jesus is willing. Why? Because you're his vision.

A LOW VIEW OF SALVATION:

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

We have a very low view of salvation. We think salvation is about _____ a prayer so we can get to heaven when we die.

Salvation isn't about you getting to heaven someday; it's about getting all of heaven into every _____ of every day.

Salvation in the Bible is "sozo". It means to save, to _____, to make whole, and deliver.

In Jesus, you _____ been saved, you _____ being saved, and you _____ be saved.

His grace forgives you of sin. His grace empowers you to have victory over sin, and one day, His grace will free you from the presence of sin.

Salvation is a desperate _____ upon Jesus today.

Today is the day of day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT

We need Jesus' saving grace to cleanse the _____ of the world off of our hearts every single day. He's more than enough.

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17***

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit." Matthew 12:33

You got saved when you invited Jesus into your life and things began to _____. You can't say, "Salvation has come to my house today", but nothing changed.

Salvation is not, "I needed grace once for _____ life". Salvation is, "I need grace every day for _____ life".

THE STORY OF THE THANKFUL LEPER:

There is one other story that we read about where Jesus encounters ten lepers.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Luke 17:15-16

When you actually start to realize how incurable and contagious your brokenness is and what Jesus has done, you can't help but be drawn back in. It's grace, not shame, that always _____ us back to Jesus.

Grace isn't about one day for eternal life. No – grace is about every day for the _____ of life.

When was the last time you saw the grace of God healing, cleansing, and _____ you in a way that you became aware?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What if your vision this year was simply Jesus? Instead of focusing on new resolutions, goals, and habits, what if you just brought your affection back to Jesus?

What do you think your life would look like if you actually believed Jesus' vision was you?

Where are you desperate for a fresh touch from Jesus in your life?

Where is God calling you to live abundantly today?

ENGAGEMENT POINT

Remember, you are Jesus' vision, and He is more than enough for you.

ASK, LISTEN, RESPOND

- Take some time right now to ask God what He wants to say to you.
- Spend a moment listening to His voice.
- Write down how you are going to respond to God's invitation.

MY NEXT STEP IS: