



Trans-form Notes

Under Construction Foundation - Jesus

Reflect: (Spend time with God thinking about these statements or questions)

- ❖ Take some time to read and meditate on one of the Gospels. If you are already reading Matthew this month, continue to do so but take note of whom Jesus is and what He is calling you towards. If you are not, read the Gospel of Mark, it is the shortest gospel.

Interact: (Discuss the following questions with your group, some friends, or just you and God)

- ❖ Read James 1:26-27, John 8:3-11 and Matthew 12:9-14. Glyn shared the idea of “bad religion” on Sunday. What is bad religion and how does Jesus live out “good religion”. How do you personally or us as a church live out bad religion? What are some things you can do to live out good religion?
- ❖ Read Colossians 1:15-17; 2:1-3, 9-10. Do you believe that Jesus really has “all wisdom and knowledge” about everything as the passage declares? In what areas do you not view Jesus as the expert? Is Jesus your guide/teacher in all areas of your life? What areas do you have trouble letting go of?
- ❖ Read Revelation 21:1-6, Colossians 1:19-22 and John 10:7-10. What is Jesus promising? How is this not currently a reality; however, what are the implications to how we live our daily lives? How does trust play a role in our act of accepting Christ’s invitation to new life?
- ❖ As Peter had to answer in Mark 8:29, “Who do you say I am?”, we must answer for ourselves. Spend some time in silence and attempt to answer, who is Jesus to you? Who have you experienced Jesus to be in your life?
- ❖ In your journey of life, where is Jesus on that journey for you, now? Where has Jesus been on this journey for you, in the past?

- ❖ What story about Jesus, or aspect of Jesus’ life and ministry has had the most profound effect upon your spiritual journey? Why?
- ❖ What is the most painful thing you have had to deal with, or come to terms with, about Jesus?
- ❖ What aspect of Jesus, would you say, is reflected through your life? What areas of your life would you like to reflect Jesus more through?

Apply: (Look for ways to apply at least one concept to your life)

- ❖ Reflect and write about three specific areas in your life where you have not trusted Jesus’ ability to guide, lead, or inform you? Write about why this is so, or write a prayer that reflects your desire to trust Him.
- ❖ Reflect on Colossians 1:15-17; 2:1-3, 9-10 and write a prayer in the form of a confession. Articulate your need for Jesus to become the kind of Lord that Paul describes in this passage.
- ❖ Try to take at least some time each day this week to submitting yourself as a student to Jesus. Read the same passage from one of the Gospels each day and continually ask Jesus to teach how to live out His teaching? (This can be any passage, you may want to use one of the passages from this study: Matthew 12:19-14, John 8:3-11, or one of the passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters 5-7.
- ❖ Prayerfully meditate on Luke 15:11-31. Read the story of the prodigal son multiple times and imagine you are that lost son coming home to his father. What are the Father’s actions towards you, what are your feelings, and how do you want to live your life now as a result of that homecoming. Use your imagination to place yourself in the midst of the story. If you are a visual person google Rembrandt’s *Return of the Prodigal Son* painting to experience the homecoming.