

Bringing truth to LIFE-

Wisdom for your life this week.

Jesus came into the world to invite all people back to a relationship to God. Though all are called, each one of us must make our personal response to say, “Yes!” to Jesus. We will always find that doing our own thing leads us to dead ends and burdens. That is when Jesus offers a way back to the life we were created for. Say “Yes!” to Jesus’ call.

In this last section of the lesson we will put some appropriate action to the truths God revealed to us in this passage of scripture.

- a. Into what areas of weariness or burdens of your life is God speaking to you through this lesson?

What has been preventing you from experiencing His offer of “rest for your soul”? Share this challenge with a few of your group members.

- b. The invitation of Jesus comes with an offer to “yoke” your life in partnership with Him, and to leave other pursuits to follow Him in His mission. So ... how is your life focused on your connection with Jesus’ mission?

How do you plan to more willingly submit to His “yoke” as you join His dream for southwest Iowa?

Pray: *“Lord, I choose to join you in your mission and offer all I have to accomplish Your plan. I will shift anything to let You have Your way in my life. I will follow You to help people find their way back to You.”*



LIFE Group Sermon Study

Week of 1/20/19



Big Idea: This is a great time to take a fresh look at our commitments for the season ahead. Together, we will discover that among all the things we can or will say YES to – financial, physical, emotional, or relational – there is nothing more important than saying YES to Jesus, his promises, and his calling!

“YES!”

Week #3

Say “YES!” To Jesus’ Call!

Matthew 11:28-30

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²⁸ “Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” (NLT)

Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ “One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁷ Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ ¹⁸ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

¹⁹ A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and Jon, in a boat repairing their nets. ²⁰ He called them at once, and they also followed him. Leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.” (NLT)

Capture our Attention-

- a. Identify what might change once you say “YES” to the following.
 - A promotion at work.
 - A request for meals for a neighbor.
 - An opportunity to volunteer at Church.
 - A decision to save for a special project.

- b. Share your Take-A-Way from Jed’s sermon last Sunday. What insight did God use to capture your attention? How are you trying to put that insight into practice in your daily life?

Enlighten our Mind- Study the Word of God.

1. Read the full Matthew 11:28-30 passage. What word, phrase or sentence in the scripture text most captures your attention?

Why do you think God drew your attention to this section of the scripture?

2. In the Matthew 11:28 invitation from Jesus, what kind of issues was Jesus addressing in people’s lives?

What kind of life situations are adding weariness and burdens to you and the people around you?

3. What do you learn about God/Jesus in Matthew 11:29?

What is your response to a God like that?

4. What does Jesus offer to weary and burdened people (Mt. 11:28, 29, & 30)? Why does Jesus describe His invitation to them as a call into a “yoke”?

In what way does being yoked with Jesus provide rest to you?

5. What do you learn about God from this story of the invitation to the first disciples (Mark 1:16-20)?

What do you learn about people from that passage?

What would you have wanted to know before you made your decision to say “Yes!” to Jesus’ call? Why?

6. What must be implied in the quick and complete response of these first four disciples to Jesus (Mark 1:18, 20)?

What does a response to Jesus’ call look like in 2019?