

Group Leader Tools

Be Jesus.

Conversations Starters

Read and discuss

"We must never allow the authority of books, institutions, or leaders to replace the authority of knowing Jesus Christ personally and directly. When the religious views of others interpose between us and the primary experience of Jesus as the Christ, we become unconvicted and unpersuasive travel agents handing out brochures to places we have never visited." Brennan Manning

"We can be the actual presence of Jesus to others. Not because of our own good works or perfection, but because of his gracious and generous gift of his presence and love to us. Paul actually says that we are being transformed into Jesus' likeness. But this transformation is not passive. It requires intention, reflection, and pursuit." Introduction to *Be Jesus*

Discussion Questions

Each of the chapters in this section are titled with a question that should provoke some deep, personal reflection. Discern which one or two chapter questions will be best to process as a group, or allow time for each member to share which was most important to them, and why. Following are some question options:

1. Which question did you find yourself thinking on the most? Why?
2. Considering the Beliefs of Jesus, do any of them surprise you? Where do you find disparity between Jesus' beliefs and yours?
3. When is the last time that you've "gotten away" to be with Jesus? Does the thought of finding more time to be with Jesus, provoke anticipation or dread? Why?
4. Read John 15:1-17
 - a. Discuss the keys to remaining in Jesus, and bearing fruit.
 - b. Do you live with a daily awareness of being "in Christ"? Yes? No?
 - c. What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus?
5. Setting aside denominational differences, considering chapter 19, Do You Do What Jesus Did? Are you willing to?
6. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer the question, Do I Live As If Jesus Matters More Than Anything? Why? Why not? How can this group support you?



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Group Prayer:

As Paul prayed for the early churches, so pray these same prayers over your group, that each one might be strengthened, encouraged, and empowered to Be Jesus to the people in their lives.

Ephesians 1:15-21

Colossians 1: 9-14

