

Believing Like Jesus | Week #01

Jesus: The Decoder Pin of God | September 16th and 19th

What the issue anyway?

Belief determines _____.

What wisdom does Scripture offer me?

A father's only son would have inherited _____ that was the father's. (John 1:14)

Paul taught that Jesus is the _____ icon... (Colossians 1:15a)

Paul taught that Jesus is the perfect icon but not the _____ icon. (Romans 1:20)

"Firstborn of all creation" is a metaphor about _____, not origin. (Colossians 1:15b)

Don't Miss This!

Jesus is the official _____ of the divine for the Christian.

What about my every day, normal life?

A Christian is a person who chooses to:

Grow in their _____ and _____ of the divine and
centers their _____ in this world
in the _____ and the _____ of Jesus.

The *Believing Like Jesus* Journey Ahead:

Jesus believed his scriptures were _____.

Jesus believed God is _____.

Jesus believed God is the good and just _____ of the world.

Jesus believed God is _____.

Jesus believed God is _____ - _____.

Jesus believed God is _____.

How does this make me a better person and the world a better place?

When we believe like Jesus we will _____ like Jesus.

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What is God inviting you into today?

1. Commit to attending each week (online, on demand or on campus) of this series.
2. Participate in a Journey Group to explore more the weekend message.
3. Invite someone to go with me on this journey into believing like Jesus.

Thought provoking questions:

1. Have you ever had a belief about something or someone change? What happened to cause the change in belief? How did that affect your behavior towards that something or someone?
2. What have been the top 2 or 3 major influences in your beliefs about God?
3. Read Colossians 1:15 and John 14:7-9. If Jesus is the perfect image of God and the heir to all of creation, what does that mean for our lives? What hope can we find in believing that Jesus “images” God perfectly?
4. If Jesus is the perfect image of God, but not the only one (as Paul and Jesus seemed to believe) what might that mean about seeing God in the natural world or other faith traditions?
5. If you want to identify God at work in the world, and you choose to experience God through Jesus, what are the evidences of God’s presence that would cause you to say, “God is working here”? Do you think the work of God is always and only present when the word “Christian” or “Jesus” is stated?