

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE | WEEK #05

Finding Hope in Humanity | May 14th



WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

For millions of people the modern, literal, exclusivist interpretation of Jesus is no longer _____, has become a _____ to faith and is _____ with the idea that "God is love."

WHAT WISDOM DOES A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON JESUS OFFER US?

A Fresh Perspective affirms that Jesus is _____ to Christian faith. (Jn. 14:7)

A Fresh Perspective on Jesus takes his _____ seriously. (Matt. 7:13-14)

A Fresh Perspective on Jesus understands he was killed because of his passionate vision for the _____ of God which included a radical critique of the conventional wisdom of Religion and Rome. (Mk. 15:25-27)

The death of Jesus _____ his followers and needed contextualized _____.

A Fresh Perspective on Jesus treasures experiencing the _____ (Gal. 2:20)

DON'T MISS THIS!

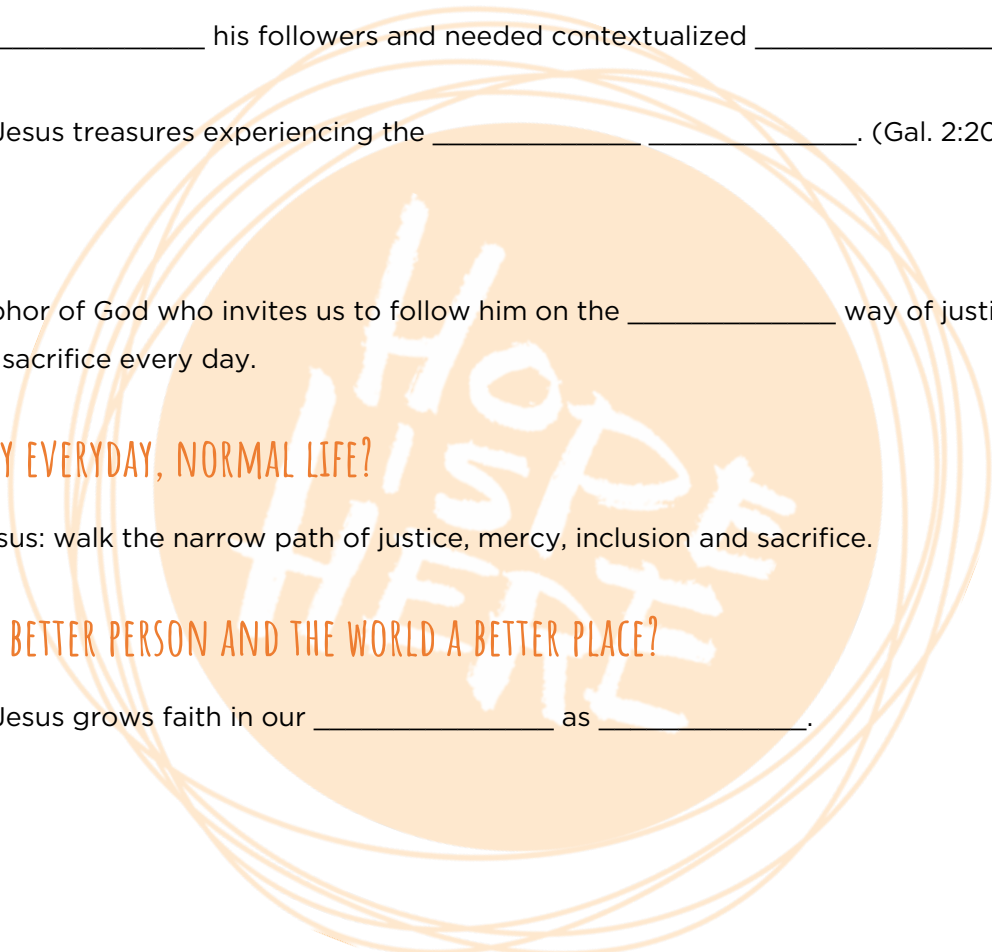
Jesus is _____ metaphor of God who invites us to follow him on the _____ way of justice, mercy, inclusion and sacrifice every day.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Daily _____ Jesus: walk the narrow path of justice, mercy, inclusion and sacrifice.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

A Fresh Perspective on Jesus grows faith in our _____ as _____.



WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Come back next week to explore a Fresh Perspective on sin, the cross and the death of Jesus.
2. Join a conversation group and talk about the images and understandings of Jesus you were given, you gave up and you are growing in.
3. Listen or watch the series “Explaining Jesus, Experiencing Christ” at crossroadscolorado.com or the Crossroads app.

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. What was your idea or understanding of Jesus growing up? Did you experience any moments where your understanding of the person or purpose of Jesus changed or evolved?
2. Do you find the idea of the humanity or the divinity of Jesus more meaningful in your life right now?
3. What are some of the metaphors that you have heard used to describe Jesus? One example would be “Light of the World.” Do any of these metaphors speak more profoundly to you?
4. Think of where you will be on Monday morning at 10am. What does it mean for you to follow Jesus then and there? How can you choose mercy, grace, inclusion and sacrifice?
5. What is your personal experience of encountering the living Christ, and how has this experience impacted your faith journey?
6. Have you ever thought about what Jesus thought the purpose of his life was? Do you think that Jesus thought the purpose of his life was to die or something else?

