

WEEK 4 - THE GOSPEL REQUIRES A PASSIONATE ABANDONMENT TO SIMPLICITY REQUIRING A SHIFT IN THINKING

INTRODUCTION

1. Avoid comparisons
2. Hang on to hope
3. Cling to Christ and dodge apathy
4. Dodge lethargy

Mark 10:17-31

1. A PASSIONATE APPROACH

**SALVATION IS NEVER A MATTER OF EXTERNAL
REFORMATION!**

Matthew 5:43-44

John 6:28-29

**INTERNAL TRANSFORMATION LEADS TO EXTERNAL
MANIFESTATION!**

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

1 John 2:3-6

1 John 3:17

**The rich man was willing to have Jesus as a teacher to
respect, but not to have Jesus as a Lord to obey, and there
is a huge difference.**

Jesus is not an advice giver.

He is the one who determines your steps.

Jesus decides what house you live in, not you.

Jesus decides what car you drive, not you.

Jesus decides what clothes you wear.

Jesus decides what you spend your \$'s on.

Jesus sets your budget.

Jesus decides what you invest in.

Jesus decides what lifestyle you live according to, not you or me,

Jesus makes these calls.

2. A PASSIONATE AFFECTION

Luke 12:15

Luke 12:16-19

Luke 12:20-21

Luke 12:32-34

I suggest the least that we can do is pray about selling all the stuff that we don't need and give to the poor.

Matthew 25

Romans 8

3 A PASSIONATE COMMAND

Jesus gives commands, not considerations.

Mark 10:21 (NIV) Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Five different commands.

1. Go
2. Sell everything you have
3. Give to the poor
4. Come
5. Follow me

Jesus required obedience here, the same way he requires obedience from you and me today.

QUESTIONS - WEEK 4 (MARCH 18)- THE PASSIONATE DISCIPLE

Group Leaders: Do not feel you have to get through all of these questions. Go with your sense of the Spirit's leading

Introduction

Talk about some of the aspects of John's sermon that really impacted and released you.

Share anything that impacted you out of Alan Hirsch's interview

PLEASE NOTE: This week several of the intercessors were praying for you, the groups and the outworking of this Passionate Disciple series. We sensed God say, 'something's changing', then immediately we had a picture of a person on the edge of a diving board. We prayed into that.

What is God speaking to you about at the moment and is asking you to dive into?

Read Mark 10:17-31 out loud in your group.

What aspects of Jesus character and nature do you see evidenced in this story?

How does that impact you?

What do you notice about the young man?

How does your story connect with his story?

John mentioned phrases like: 'Total surrender' and 'Internal transformation leads to external manifestation'

What do these mean for you?

As you reflect on your life so far, where have you seen this developing in your life?

What specific action do you believe God is asking you to take now?

What are impediments do you have to living this out?

In what areas is God asking you to move from being 'willing to obey God' as opposed to 'obeying God'? What will help you make those changes?

Read Luke 12:16-21, 32-34

What does this passage reveal to us about God?

What does it say to you personally?

What does it mean to be, 'rich towards God'? Are there any changes for you in this regard?

John at this point in his message encouraged us all to ask Christ...

"What do you want me to give away? What do you want me to sell?"

Share where you are up to with this searching challenge? Pray for each other as you listen to Christ.