



WEEK #1: TO ME, LIVING IS _____.

INTRODUCTION

There is something large in everyone's life. For some, it's money or sports. For others, it's a career, or politics, or social media. But no matter how big we make those things, they will always be so much smaller than Jesus. He will always be more. He will always come through. He's the only one worthy of our worship, and we're called to lift him up. Let's *Magnify Him*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon mentioned that we often magnify things that don't deserve it (sports teams, entertainment, etc.). What's something you've magnified in the past that, looking back, wasn't worth the energy you gave it?
2. How can we tell the difference between what we SAY is important versus what we're ACTUALLY magnifying through our schedules and choices?
3. Why do you think it's so easy to magnify things that ultimately don't even know our names or care about us?
4. The sermon posed James' question: "What is your life?" (James 4:14). How does believing we're an accident versus being created by Jesus change how we answer that question?
5. The sermon stated that without Jesus, we can't have true IDENTITY or PURPOSE. Do you agree? Why or why not? What do you see in culture that confirms or challenges this?
6. Read John 1:3-5. How does knowing that Jesus personally made you change your sense of identity and purpose?
7. Paul went from trying to destroy Christianity to saying, "For me to live is Christ." What does this tell us about the power of encountering Jesus?
8. The sermon gave three practical meanings of "to live is Christ": Jesus has given us a new life. We live to please Jesus. Jesus lives through us. Which of these three is hardest for you to grasp or live out? Why?
9. What would it practically look like in your daily life this week to say, "For me to live is Christ"?

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:21 / 1 Corinthians 7:31 / James 4:14 / John 1:3-5 / Acts 8:3, 9:1-3 / 2 Corinthians 5:10, 5:14-17 / Galatians 2:20-21 / Colossians 1:27.