

# the IRRELIGIOUS LIFE

experiencing the inside-out spirituality of Jesus

## Week 1: *WINE & WINESKINS*

### INTRODUCTION – Licking The Cup

Jeremiah 2:13; Matthew 9:17; 2 Corinthians 4:7

- Religion...
- Spirituality...
- Christian Faith...
- Christian Religion...

### JESUS SCENE – Living Water & God's Spirit

Leviticus 15:13; Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Zechariah 14:8  
Matthew 3:1-12; John 4:1-42; 7:37-39; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Revelation 7:16-17

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Romans 8:9; Hebrews 12:2

### SPIRITUAL PRACTICE #1 – Authentic Partnership

Matthew 22:35-40  
Deuteronomy 6:5 + Leviticus 19:18  
Matthew 25:31-46; 1 John 4:20

*THE RELATIONAL SPIRITUALITY OF JESUS...*

We love/encounter/experience/receive from God through other \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONCLUSION – From Conviction To Conduct

WHAT WE WILL OFFER YOU...

1. Practical teaching.
2. Sermon notes.
3. Home Church.
  - a) Curriculum
  - b) Application
  - c) Partnership
4. Mid-week e-mails.
5. Pray for you.

WHAT YOU CAN OFFER YOURSELF...

1. Show up Sundays and take notes.
2. Bring Bible & use it.
3. Take Bible and sermon notes with you to Home Church.
4. Read e-mails (if possible, print and read away from computer).
5. Turn all conviction into conduct.

Matthew 11:28-30

### Recommendations For Further Study...

TEACHING SERIES... Searching For Significance; Farewell To Religion; God Questing; Maximizing Me; The Jesus Scandals; The Irreligious Christ  
BOOKS... Religious No More (Mark D. Baker); Sacred Companions (David G. Benner); Renovation of the Heart (Dallas Willard); Revolution of Character (Don Simpson)

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. What are you most looking forward to seeing change in your spiritual life over the next few weeks? How committed would you say that you are to partnering with God and others to help bring this change about?
2. After briefly reviewing this week's message, including key texts, share one thing that most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read Jesus' teaching about living water and the reaction he receives in **John 7:37-44**.
  - a) What verse, phrase, or aspect of the story stands out to you the most? Why?
  - b) What do you think it means to be "thirsty" in the way Jesus means it here? How thirsty are you?
  - c) What do you think Jesus meant by his invitation to come to him to "drink"?
  - d) In what ways is the inside-out experience described in **verse 38** different from 'being religious'?
  - e) Sometimes people are perplexed that Jesus, who taught peace and love, would say the kinds of things he does in **Matthew 10:34-35** & **Luke 12:51-53**. How does **John 7:40-44** illustrate what Jesus meant in **Matthew 10** & **Luke 12**?

SO WHAT?...

4. Take a few minutes to quietly meditate on **John 7:37-38**. See yourself as part of this scene. Step into that moment, and allow Jesus to speak those words to *you*. When finished...
  - a) How did this meditation make you *feel*?
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