

the IRRELIGIOUS LIFE

experiencing the inside-out spirituality of Jesus

Week 5: *DIVINE ROMANCE*

INTRODUCTION – The “Easy” Way Of Jesus

Matthew 11:28-30

VS.

Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:27-38

If we make a _____ of spiritual formation in the little things, allowing our heart to become more and more like the heart of Jesus, the larger things will become “easy”.

JESUS SCENE – Spiritual Worship

John 4:20-24

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP... is a spirit-to-Spirit connection of honour and awe, service and celebration. It is served by structure, but not bound by it.

Mark 2:27

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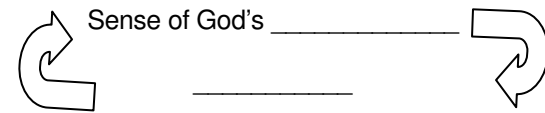
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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE #5 – Honour & Awe

Psalm 19:1; 98:7-8; Isaiah 55:12
Revelation 5:13; Luke 19:39-40

- We were designed to live in harmony with creation.
- We are temporarily disconnected.
- God will restore his planet and his people to his original vision.
- In the meantime, we will grow spiritually as we align our lives with God’s vision for the planet.

AVOIDING THE FALSE EXTREMES OF FORCED EMOTION OR SUPPRESSED EMOTION...



Psalm 22:3

THE RELATIONAL SPIRITUALITY OF JESUS – HONOURING HIM BY LOVING OTHERS...

Hebrews 13:15-16

CONCLUSION – From Awareness To Awe To Joy

Luke 24:52-53; Zephaniah 3:17

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Have you ever had an experience of feeling united to something or someone much larger than yourself – perhaps feeling connected to the entire universe? How can experiences like this be helpful for our conscious worship of God? Can they also be a distraction?
2. After briefly reviewing this week’s message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read **Psalm 63**. a) What verse stands out the most to you from this passage? Why? b) What kinds of things seem to motivate David to praise God? c) What kinds of things motivate you to praise God? d) What ways or forms of worship does David describe here? e) What ways do you (or would you be interested to) incorporate into your worship of God?
4. According to **Matthew 5:16** & **Romans 15:6-7**, what are some other ways we can glorify God (or encourage others to glorify him)?

SO WHAT?...

5. Holding **Psalm 63** in front of you, take time to meditate on the qualities of God you discussed in 3-b above. Focus on each one for a minute or two, allowing a sense of honour to rise up within you. This vast and amazing Being or Force is present with you now, wanting to reveal his love to you. As part of this meditation, whisper to God the thoughts of worship that come to mind.

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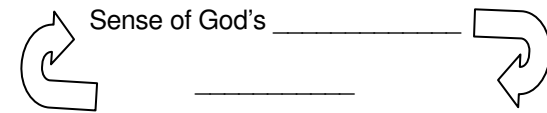
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