

BIG IDEA

Grace & truth is our only hope for a Jesus like appeal.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Has Christianity lost its appeal to the people you know? How can you tell?

Read Matthew 9:9-13. How does Jesus demonstrate the elements of extraordinary appeal we heard about in the message this week?

1. Start with humanity instead of Christianity.
2. Invite people to belong before they believe.
3. Hold to truth but lead with grace.

What other stories in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) come to mind when you think of Jesus' extraordinary appeal?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What is appealing to you about your faith?

Reflect on your interactions with people who don't believe the way you do. Are your interactions characterized more by grace? truth? Or a combination of both?

Do you allow people to belong to your community before they believe what you think they should?

Read John 1:14. What are the dangers of 'loading up' on just truth? What are the dangers of 'loading up on just grace?

Do people who know you find your faith appealing?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Make a list of things you find appealing about Jesus. Make a list of things you find unappealing about Christians. Where can we as followers of Jesus be better at looking like Jesus?

Read Acts 2:42-47. What aspects of this passage do we as a Life Group need to work on?

