



# MEET JESUS

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WHY?



**WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?**





**WHY DID JESUS COME?**



## **LUKE 5:27 (ESV)**

After this he went out and saw  
a tax collector named Levi,  
sitting at the tax booth.  
And he said to him, "Follow me."



The Bible is not a Who's Who of heroes,  
but a collection of the bruised,  
broken, and brutal who encounter  
the One True Hero, Jesus.





**FOLLOW ME.**



What was Jesus inviting Levi into?

Not into a life of rules, not into a system,  
not into self-reflection and self-help...  
but into a relationship.



**BECOME LIKE ME.**



Being a Christian IS NOT about better behavior,  
increased church attendance, being more  
charitable, or cumulating more volunteer hours.

IT IS an invitation to “become like Christ.”



Is this what you see in your life...  
Are you personally, imperfectly  
but intentionally, growing more  
into the image of Christ?





A relationship with Jesus isn't all that different from any other relationship. You spend time together, you talk, you listen, you respond, and you enjoy one another.



Eating an elephant starts  
with one bite at a time.







**LUKE 5:28 (ESV)**

And leaving everything,  
he rose and followed him.



Christianity isn't an addition to  
your life; Christianity is about  
transforming your life.





For those of us in Christ...What would  
your life look like without Jesus?



For those of us without Christ...Do you feel "alive"? Or, is life a slow burn from emotional high to emotional high?



## **LUKE 5:29 (ESV)**

And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.



## **LUKE 5:30 (ESV)**

And the Pharisees and their scribes  
grumbled at his disciples, saying,  
“Why do you eat and drink with  
tax collectors and sinners?”





**MATTHEW 16:18 (ESV)**

“I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”



Gates are defensive, not offensive.





## **LUKE 5:31-32 (ESV)**

**31** And Jesus answered them,  
“Those who are well have no need of  
a physician, but those who are sick.  
**32** I have not come to call the righteous  
but sinners to repentance.”



Religion is about the exaltation of self;  
the Gospel is about the exaltation of Christ.



## **1 TIMOTHY 2:3-5 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.



## **1 TIMOTHY 1:15 (ESV)**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.



## **Why First Free Church exists:**

To confess, as an authentic body of believers, our own need for reconciliation and restoration. To know Jesus personally and surrender everything to become like Him.





## **Why First Free Church exists:**

We are to transparently love one another, despite one another. To pursue the Healer together. To proclaim Him to those in our spheres of influence for their good and His glory.



## **Why First Free Church exists:**

With those that don't know they are sick...

We are to love them where they are at.

To patiently and lovingly serve them. To walk alongside, recline with, and enjoy them in the way Jesus would have and desires to.



Are you genuinely following Christ?



Where has religion clouded your  
understanding of the Gospel?



How is God calling you to play  
a role in His glorious work?



We often become so inwardly focused  
that we are of no outward good.



When is the last time you  
shared the Good News of the  
Gospel of Jesus with someone?



To live on mission for the Gospel is  
to have the same mission as Jesus.





**JOHN 20:21 (ESV)**

“As the Father has sent me,  
even so I am sending you.”



What would this practically look like for me?



First Free Church DOES NOT exist  
just for you to find some friends.

It DOES exist for you to find friends (community),  
to pursue Jesus alongside each other (worship),  
and partner together to proclaim Jesus (mission).



**FOLLOW ME.**



Pull up a chair --- Meet Jesus





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