

Christlike Conversations

Living as Ambassadors for Christ in the 21st Century

Course Goals

1. Deepen understanding of how Jesus shared the Gospel in specific situations (Mt. 4:19)
2. Develop better perception of needs of people and how to help them (Mt. 9:36)
3. Cultivate a more robust, Christlike prayer life for Gospel ministry. (Mt. 11:25-30)
4. Imitate Christ by practicing Gospel ministry like Him. (Mt. 10:24-25)
5. Make disciples of all nations by the power of Christ for the honor of Christ (Mt 28:18-20)

Course Schedule:

Class	Text	Topic	Teacher
#1	Various	Introduction	RYAN
#2	Various	Jesus and the Crowd	RYAN
#3	Various	Jesus and the Outsiders	BEN
#4	John 4:1-26	Samaritan Woman: Jesus and the Thirsty	BEN
#5	John 4:1-26	Samaritan Woman: Jesus and the Thirsty Cont.	BEN
#6	Mark 5:1-20	Demoniac: Jesus and the Messed Up	RYAN
#7	Matthew 19:16-25	Rich Young Ruler: Jesus and the Really Good	RYAN
#8	Mark 2:1-13	Paralyzed Man: Jesus and the Determined	RYAN
#9	Mark 9:14-29	Demoniac's Father: Jesus and the Doubting	BEN
#10	John 3:1-21	Nicodemus: Jesus and the Curious	BEN
#11	Luke 5:1-11	Peter: Jesus and the Unworthy	BEN
#12	Various	Jesus and the Opposition	RYAN
#13	2 Corinthians 1-5	Conclusion: Ambassadors for Christ	BEN

Introduction Class Preparation

Throughout the Gospel accounts, much of the narrative surrounds Christ's interactions with all different peoples. These interactions are recorded and include specific dialogue, action, and even emotion of Christ Himself. We are called to teach as we follow in the footsteps of Christ:

Matt 10:32-33

32 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

John 17:16-19

16 They are not of the world, just as I [Christ] am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Be prepared to discuss the following thought questions in class Sunday:

1. What do you believe can be gained by studying from Jesus interactions with different people in the Gospel Narrative?
2. How do you expect this study to change your interactions with those around you as you seek to spread the Gospel?
3. What do you believe to be the main purpose in Jesus interactions with people in the first century?

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Lesson 2 – Jesus and the Crowd

Read The Following Verses. Who is the audience?

1. Matt 15:10-11 -
2. Mark 5:21 and following –
3. Luke 5:1 –
4. Luke 6:17-18 –
5. Luke 7:2-9 –

Why were these great crowds following Jesus? (John 6:2)

Read Mark 9:14-27.

1. What role does the crowd play in Jesus interaction with the disciples and the unclean spirit?
2. Why does Jesus pay specific attention to the crowd in this instance?

What is recorded regarding Jesus Feelings towards the crowd in the Mark 6:34 and Matt 14:14? How did he respond?

On the following page, compare and contrast the listed teaches of Jesus to the crowd by considering the following:

- What does He do differently, and the same?
- What might have caused Him to take a different approach with the crowd at different times?
- Give a quick summary of the lesson, and/or type of lesson Jesus gives in each account.

Jesus Crowd Sermons:

Matt 5,6,7

Mark 4:1-12

John 6:24-40

List some areas where you can have an influence on a larger number of people:

- 1.***
- 2.***
- 3.***

What specifically do struggle with in these atmospheres? What prayers should we be offering?

#3 – Jesus and the Outsiders

Who Jesus Came For

Read the following passages and list all the descriptions you find of the various types of people who are highlighted as being at the focus of Jesus' ministry and Kingdom.

1. Luke 4:16-30 _____
2. Luke 7:18-23 _____
3. Luke 10:21-24 _____
4. Luke 14:12-24 _____
5. Luke 18:15-17 _____

What are some examples from the Gospels that show 'insiders' (strong, rich, respected, proud, etc.) who were in some way rejected or repulsed by Jesus?

Is being an outsider the only criteria that Jesus used(s) as the basis for entrance into his Kingdom? Explain your answer.

Loving Outsiders Like Jesus Did

Choose (at least) one passage from each category below and answer the following questions for each passage you select. (Note: Some of these passages contain stories of Jesus himself interacting with someone while others are parables that describe his love for the outsider. All references are from Luke's Gospel account.)

1. Why might it have been difficult to compassionately reach out to this outsider?
2. What specific actions did Jesus take / describe to treat this outsider as someone significant?
3. How did the actions of Jesus toward this outsider impact his / her life?

Diseased	Sinners	Women	Ethnos
5:12-16	5:27-32	7:11-17	7:1-10
5:17-26	7:36-50	8:1-3	9:51-56
8:26-39	15:11-32	18:1-8	17:11-19
8:40-48	18:9-14	21:1-4	23:26
13:10-17	19:1-10	23:27-31	
18:35-43	23:32, 39-43	24:1-12	

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The Ambassador's Prayer List

People: *Who are some outsiders I can and should influence with the Gospel?*

Knowledge: *What information am I missing to be able to influence outsiders?*

Wisdom: *What complications might arise for me in reaching outsiders?*

Courage: *What fears do I have in connecting with outsiders?*

Love: *Who do I struggle to care about?*