

Doxa Series
“Jesus is life”
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Opening

-7 core Christian beliefs...our final week...

- **God is one**
- **The Bible is true**
- **The Cross is enough**
- **Mankind is helpless**
- **Jesus is life**
- **Eternity is real**
- **The Church is central**

-But we aren't going to spend huge amounts of time convincing you of these doctrines, these beliefs...this series is about challenging you to consider a very specific way these beliefs should be changing the way you live!

-(talk about moralism and intellectualism)

-if you want to understand one of these, then you must learn about all of these...they create a context for each other...

Introduction

-doxa: *glory, splendor, grandeur, power, kingdom, praise, honor... revealed presence of God, God himself...*

-root of doxa: *to think, suppose, believe, consider, imagine...*

-So each week we are going to look at one of these 7 core Christian beliefs (re-read) and ask this question:

>How does my belief that Jesus is life inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to the world around me?

-this series is about creating 7 life statements...

**-I want to live for God more fully...just as They live for one another!
(God is one)**

**-I want my life to be an echo of the wisdom of Scripture to the
world around me! (The Bible is true)**

**-I want to feel dependent even when I am able! (Mankind is
helpless)**

**-I want to cherish Jesus' bride like He does! (The Church is
central).**

**-I want to look expectantly every day for opportunities to point
people to Jesus. (Eternity is real)**

**-I want my life to be at rest in both the grace and sovereignty of
God! (The Cross is enough).**

**-How does my belief that ___Jesus is life___ inspire me to pursue a life
that reveals God's glory to the world around me?**

Jesus is life

-John 10:10 (explain both time and depth) (forever AND fulfillment)

-John 10:16

>Jesus is connecting for a the key to a life lived to the fullest possible
measure...He is giving us a vital insight!

>John 1:1-5 (He is life AND is a life giver!!!)

>Jesus is life for MANY reasons, as we have taught in this series, but
tonight I want you to understand what He is saying here...**you cannot
separate LIFE and LISTENING with Jesus!**

-Does everyone have a little cup? (tell story of my Mom's kitchen)

- Jesus comes to you tonight...
- Like Thomas there is now no doubt...
- Then He says He has a mission for you...
- To empty the ocean...
- With this cup...
- Accomplishment vs. Faithfulness

- This is it...how empty the ocean or how full your cup!!!!!!!!!!

-Matthew 11:19

- we aren't saying ignore outcomes...
- sometimes the outcomes take time...
- sometimes outcomes are generational...
- sometimes we blaze the trail... (talk about VT hike)
- are you being faithful to what Jesus is asking of you?

-How does my belief that ___Jesus is life___ inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to the world around me?

Mount Carmel

-Let's look at a story together tonight that demonstrates the consequences of listening to the wrong voices and the realities of listening to Jesus.

-1 Kings 18:1-8

- **When we stop listening to Jesus, we begin to care about things more than people.**

-1 Kings 18:16-21

- "hobble" is the same word used in Exodus for "Passover"
- the contrast here is striking...don't pass back over!
- **When we listen to voices instead of Jesus, we will always end up worshipping the wrong gods.**

-1 Kings 18:22-29

- **When we are listening to Jesus alone, we will at times feel alone.**

-1 Kings 18:30-35

- Where did this water come from? There has been a three years drought!!!
- Have you wondered about what the physical state of the crowd was?
- How many people there were dying and the water is being poured out?

- **When we listen to Jesus, we are sometimes confused by His priorities. (spiritual vs. physical needs)**

-I Kings 18:36-40 (mental illness clarifier)

- **When we listen to Jesus, He eventually commands the wrong voices in our lives to be vanquished.**
- 2 Corinthians 10:5

Band

-(come back to the cup) (accomplishment vs. faithfulness)

-How does my belief that ___Jesus is life___ inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to the world around me?

I want my life to be a listening ear to Jesus' voice first, above all other influences.

Close

-by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone...