



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 (March 1st – March 7th)

WHO ARE THE JESUS FREAKS?

WELCOME. Welcome to DGroup. Last Sunday, Pastor Jon kicked off our new series JESUS FREAKS.

Quick Response Icebreaker: What comes to mind when you hear the word “freak”?

WORSHIP. GOODNESS OF GOD

WORD. Read Titus 3:3-8

1. What does “discipleship” mean to you? How does it differ from just being a religious person?
2. Last Sunday, Pastor Jon kicked off the series with a sermon titled: “WHO ARE THE JESUS FREAKS?” based on Titus 3:4-7. Here are Pastor’s four main points about of our identity as Jesus Freaks:
 - A. **We were lost, sinful and hopelessly condemned people** (verse 3).
 - B. **We discovered the goodness and stubborn love of God** (verse 4).
 - C. **We undeservedly became heirs of salvation by God’s amazing grace** (verse 5-7).
 - D. **We are unreservedly committed to live for Jesus and be His Church** (verse 8).What was your biggest take away from last Sunday’s sermon?

3. What do you think is the difference between a true follower of Jesus from being just a fan of Jesus? Read John 6:60 and 66.
4. Core to being a Jesus Freak is realizing the four basic points of our identity mentioned above. Why is it important for Christians to fully understand these truths?
5. Why is turning away from our sin and old life such a crucial aspect of discipleship? Read 1 John 3:8-9.
6. Pastor Jon gave us five aspects of being a Jesus Freak:
 - Active Discipleship:** Following Jesus is not a one-time decision, but a daily, intentional walk, often requiring believers to learn and choose his path over personal desires.
 - Practical Obedience and Submission:** Following Jesus means recognizing him as Lord, obeying his commands, and filtering life decisions through his teachings.
 - Intentional Imitation:** Following Jesus involves cultivating the character of Jesus, focusing on love, humility, mercy, and service by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Decidedly Sacrificial:** This entails dying to self-centeredness, giving up what we want for the sake of following Jesus, and sometimes enduring difficulty or being misunderstood for the sake of faith.
 - Mission-Oriented:** Followers of Jesus are called to share the gospel, make other disciples, and help build God’s kingdom on earth.

Which aspects do you see yourself growing in? Which of the five aspects do you want to grow more in?

7. In Pastor’s sermon, he said: “Some people draw a line in following Jesus—they put certain limitations to what they want to commit and surrender to Jesus.” What are the limitations when it comes to following Jesus? Read Matthew 16:24-26.
8. Why does Jesus want His followers to make more disciples? What role does our testimony play in inviting others to become His disciples?

WORK. Apply God’s Word:

- Divide in pairs and pray for one another’s growth in faith and obedience to Jesus.
- Invite anyone who needs to take the next steps of obedience to our Baptism Bash on March 29th.