

Two astounding claims:

1. Jesus is the revelation of God, both to God and to us (John 1:1-2, 14).
2. We can be like Jesus (John 1:2).

The whole Gospel of John is a story meant to draw our attention to those two truths. As we contemplate what happens with Jesus, we are seeing the fullness of God. As we reflect of who He is and what He is doing, we begin to become like Him.

John 8:58-59 CSB – Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple.

The Jesus who can't be seen, sees someone that no one else can see. This is what God is like.

This blind man is not healed because of his faith or obedience.

How does God see? God sees your humanity when no one else sees it. God's vision of you is not surveillance; it is intimate acquaintance.

The disciples make the man who is suffering with blindness a point of discussion rather than an object of compassion.

“This sickness is for the glory of God” – that does not mean that God made him to be blind so that later God can open his eyes.

The man's brokenness is the very condition for God's will to be done in the earth!

Romans = Christ dies for the ungodly. He only seeks lost sheep. He only raises the dead!

If you are not a sinner, dead, a lost sheep, or an enemy of God, there is no hope for you.

God is not troubled with our sins; He is troubled by our unwillingness to acknowledge our sins.

When the fullness of God comes into our world, it isn't what we want it to be. Why? Because our wants are diseased.

Whatever you are praying for God to do in your life, He won't do. He will do something better!

What He wants for you is better than what you think you deserve. You wouldn't know to ask for it.

“Jesus' mission was not primarily a crusade against disease, but a ministry to individual people, some of whom happened to have a disease. He wanted those people, one by one, to feel his love. Jesus knew he could not readily demonstrate love to a crowd, for love usually involves touching.”

Faith is tightly bound up with just being honest about what is happening in your life.

In life, not only will you not know what is happening to you, you really won't know what God is doing with what is happening to you. Faith is not making claims about what you hope is happening. Faith is acknowledging I don't know, but I trust that He is acting in what is happening to me.

If we knew what God was doing, we would be God, not need God. But needing Him is what makes us more like Him.

John 9:35 CSB – Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out, and when he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

Any message of the gospel that is only interested in dealing with your sins and not the ways you have been sinned against, is not the gospel.

John 9:39 CSB – Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, in order that those who do not see will see and those who do see will become blind.”

Isaiah 42:18-20 CSB

Jesus, in knowing you, does not see or hear any of the lies that you believe about yourself. When God knows you, He cannot know you as you want to be known because that is a lie. He sees His image in you and hears His Word about you!

Sin holds us because we are afraid of the goodness of God. What are we afraid of? That we are not who God says we are, but rather we are who we think we might be in our worst moments.

John 4:39 CSB – Now many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of what the woman said when she testified, “He told me everything I ever did.”

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GATHER

Sundays in November- 9a + 11a Three Beautiful Words

The best stories in church can be shared in just three beautiful words. "I was invited." "You belong here." "I am forgiven." Almost every believer's testimony begins with these words. "I was invited to church." The grace of God has been made available to all. The table is an open table. "You belong here." Despite our broken nature, God moved heaven and earth to reach you. "I am forgiven." Be sure to join us all month long as we examine these powerful statements!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Gathering

*Saturday, December 24 - 3p &
4:30p*

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

GROUP

Be on the lookout for more information about our Connect Groups launching in the New year!

GROW

Thursday, November 10 7p - 9p Night Eleven of our Fall Semester of Growth Phases

Join us for the eleventh night of our fall semester of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

GO

Christmas Jubilee and Parade of Lights - Saturday, December 3 - 5:30p - 9p

Join us as we serve our City together at the annual Christmas Jubilee and Parade of Lights! You can walk in the parade, decorate our float, or serve at our tent at the Jubilee in Downtown Woodstock. This is an event the whole family can be a part of. Sign up at the Next Steps table today!

GIVE

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