

Making the Most (of Covid-19)

Guest Speaker - Jared Cowgur

Pursuing Unity in the Midst of a Divided World

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What Covid-19 Was: Something to Get Through.

What Covid-19 Is: Something worth “Making The Most” Of.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

Main Question: How do Jesus’ words guide us toward unity as a church?

Main Thought: To have a life-giving influence for our world.

How to... The Jesus Way:

When you feel _____, do your part to make it _____.

Make sure your _____ back up your _____.

Give others what’s _____ than they _____.

Pray for people who are hard to _____.

Reflection Questions:

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How will I follow the words of Jesus this week?

Taking it Home | Small Group Material

Getting Warmed Up

Have you ever been on a really good or a really bad guided tour? What was it like? What made it so bad? What made it so good?

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Taking the Message Home

Jared explained that as Jesus followers we are to be a life-giving influence to the world around us.

Would you say that people would view you as having a life-giving influence in the world? Explain.

Jared talked about our current crises and all of the emotions it is eliciting in each of us with one being anger. Whether that be at our family, friends, or just anyone on social media these days... anger hinders our influence. According to Jesus we have a part to play in righting the times we feel wronged.

Read Matthew 5:21-24

Why do you think you (we) have a hard time taking Jesus at His word and following His words with the passage above? Why is it so much easier to gossip, seek revenge, or cut others out of our lives?

Lastly, Jared explained one of the core principles of following Jesus in giving others better than what they deserve. That’s essentially what Jesus has done for us. Spend some time discussing the reflection questions below.

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