



November 23rd
“Dude, Where’s My Church?”
The Way

Big Idea: “The Church is Not a Destination, It is a Life Long Trek of Following The Way.”

For many Christians the Church is simply an institution, a place where we go and attend, it is a location, a destination in our week.

The Bible teaches that Jesus never wanted His people to be a part of an institution. He called us to be a part of a movement. In Acts a main description of the church was “The Way.” I love this description because it is an action not a state of being. It indicates that we are to become something. It indicates a constant journey. It is a great description of what Jesus means when He call us to be “Disciples,” a life long learner.

This lesson will take us beyond the cultural norm and challenge us to not just be “believers” but “followers.” This lesson will be very challenging as we address some specific daily choices that will indicate we have joined “The Way.” This lesson will call us to Discipleship!

Open It: Since this week is Thanksgiving, what are some of your favorite foods associated with the day? What food will be served Thursday that you will not eat?

Dig It: Read Matthew 28:19-20

1. There are several aspects of this great challenge. Let’s focus on the Discipleship aspect. Discuss the difference between being a “Believer” and a “Disciple?” The difference between a “church attendee” and a “follower of the way?”

Why the Way? Read Romans 3:21-24: Clarify the Message

1. What is the “way” described in this verse?
2. How is the “Jesus Message” different from all other religious messages?

Jesus is the best way to live: Luke 9:23-24

1. What does this verse say about “The Way?”

Reflect on it:

1. Does the world see people in “church” or people in “the way?”
2. If we saw people in the “way” what would they be doing?
3. In what area of your life do you need encouragement to be a disciple?
4. Our Big Idea says our life with God is a Life Long Trek. How have you found that to be true? What are you learning on your trek?

Do It:

1. What action will you take this week to be a disciple, a learner, in “the way?”
2. Pray as a group for encouragement to grow in “the way?”

