



STORYTELLERS

Week 2

BREAKING THE ICE

Which songs are on your summer playlist?

Who is the best storyteller you know? What makes them a good storyteller?

MAIN CONTENT

This week we heard from Pastor Mike Kelsey, a friend from Washington, DC. Pastor Mike started the message asking us to consider a life where we truly follow Jesus and not just fitting Jesus into our already established life.

1. How do you currently build your life around your job, family and finances?

We can tend to fit Jesus into our lives with the expectation of Him as a rival spirit: a moral teacher, a political mascot, culture warrior or a self-help coach. Jesus can be all of these things and have truth in each of these things. We can't add a piece of Him into our life, but we need to make Him the center of our lives instead.

2. In which of these ways do you tend to allow Jesus to speak into in your life: moral teacher, political mascot, culture warrior or self-help coach? How do you choose which one of these you invite in?

Read Mark 2:18-22

God was referenced as the bridegroom throughout scripture. In this scripture passage we see Jesus telling the people that God is no longer separated from us, but we can now have relationship with Him. God has always been powerful but now He is personal and intimate with us.

3. How have you experienced intimacy with God?

The gospel (Jesus) is so much better than being a little bit of a moral teacher, a political mascot, a culture warrior or a self-help coach. He came to do more than a little bit of all of these things. With Jesus actively and intimately a part of everything in our lives, He changes not only what we do, but us and our wants. Jesus has given us a new future with God.

4. How has walking intimately with Jesus changed the way you think, live and act?

Walking with Jesus gives us a new power. He came to set us free. His Holy Spirit changes us from the inside out, so we can operate in what He has for us.

5. How has the Holy Spirit changed you from the inside out? What has He convicted you of and how have you used those convictions to change your life to be more like Jesus?

Jesus also came to give us a new life and future. God has a newness for us, but it requires something of us. When we choose to follow Jesus, we can't fit Him into our life as we want. Instead of asking Him to help once we have already made our decisions in our lives, we have to cling to Him.

To experience our life with Jesus, we have to trade our life for the life He has provided for us. We can't evaluate God and the Bible through our beliefs; we need to live our life according to God's plan.

6. Where and how can you trade your life for the life God has for you?

In the message, Pastor Mike referenced new wine that God has for us and that living with Christ is like a wedding feast, the best wedding celebration you have ever been a part of. When we choose to live our lives fully devoted and committed to what God has for us, there is celebration and a full life. This is the best life we could ever live.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you God, for making a new life for me. For making new wine out of our lives, taking the old and giving us Your power and freedom to live the life You have for us. Holy Spirit will you convict us of where we try to fit you in our pre-planned lives? Help us repent and turn to You, giving You our whole lives so that You can do things in our lives.

ACTION STEP

+ Follow along over the summer with our Storytellers series. Check out our weekly podcasts diving deeper into the stories, where we are learning more about the art and importance of storytelling as we explore Jesus' stories paired with modern-day stories from our very own Cross Point community: [Add a little bit of body text](#)

+ Take some time this week to explore where you have made Jesus fit into your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you need to give Jesus complete control of your life. Repent and turn your whole life over to Jesus. Ask a friend or group member to pray for you and keep each other accountable to the things God is asking you to do.