

Shaped By His Presence | Week 2

Introduction

Just like we naturally pick up the mannerisms, perspectives, and values of the people we spend the most time with, spending time with Jesus transforms us. It's not about checking religious boxes, but about developing a genuine relationship that changes how we see the world. When we intentionally create space to be with Jesus, we begin to see people and situations through His eyes, which naturally leads to living more like Him. This transformation happens gradually through consistent, quality time together - just like any meaningful relationship.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Think of someone who has significantly influenced your life. What habits, phrases, or perspectives have you picked up from them without even trying?
- What has your time with Jesus looked like this week? What made it either easy or challenging to prioritize?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What was one thing God brought to mind during our time of prayer?
2. How does spending time with someone change the way you see and understand things? Can you share an example?
3. What do you think makes the difference between simply being around someone and truly being present with them?
4. Read [Mark 3:14](#). What strikes you about Jesus' primary purpose in calling the disciples? Why do you think 'being with Him' came before doing ministry?
5. Read [John 15:4-5](#). What does Jesus say is the connection between spending time with Him and bearing fruit? What does this mean for us practically?
6. What is your favorite way to spend time with God? Are there any adjustments you sense Him asking you to make?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Pray for what you discussed today. You can use your own words or the words below:

Jesus, thank you for desiring a relationship with us. We confess how easily we get distracted and busy. Help us to prioritize simply being with You. Show us what needs to shift in our lives to

make more space for this relationship. Transform how we see the world by helping us see through Your eyes. Draw us closer to You as we spend time in Your presence. Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- If you have a child entering kindergarten through high school in the 2025-26 school year, we have a summer camp just for them! Camps are incredible experiences that invest in your child, help them build a stronger relationship with Jesus, and make some friendships! Check out all the camp options at camps.sv.cc.
- Partner in what God is doing all over the world by joining a global missions trip. Find opportunities at world.sv.cc.