



## To Sit With Jesus

 <b>BIG IDEA</b>	<p>When we read the Bible, we are always being pointed to Jesus</p>
 <b>ICE BREAKER</b>	<p>When you think about the New Year, what usually comes to mind first – <i>hope, pressure, excitement, or exhaustion?</i></p> <p>Do you make resolutions? Why or why not ?</p>
 <b>MAIN POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wanting to Hear from God Is Normal</li><li>We Often Look for the Wrong Kind of Miracle</li><li>Scripture Is Where We Meet Jesus</li></ul> <p>When we read the Bible, <b>we are sitting with Jesus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Bible Changes Us When We Engage It Consistently</li></ul> <p>This happens not because the Bible is a self-help book, but because <b>Jesus meets us in His Word.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scripture Is for You – Not Just Experts-</li><li>Read the Bible to Find God, Not Just Answers</li><li>Scripture Is Meant to Be Meditated On, Not Rushed</li></ul> <p>The Bible is <b>meditation literature</b>, not something to rush through.</p>
 <b>DISCUSS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Have you ever started a new year hoping God would speak clearly – especially in the middle of a decision, trial, or waiting season?</li><li>Why do you think it's easy to take the Bible for granted, especially in our culture?</li><li>Read Philippians 4:13-How have you usually heard or used this verse?</li><li>What's the difference between:Looking for <b>what Jesus can do for me</b>, and Looking simply for <b>Jesus Himself?</b></li><li>Have you ever approached Scripture primarily looking for answers, fixes, or direction rather than God's presence?</li><li>What usually keeps you from creating space to read the Bible consistently?</li></ol>
 <b>NEXT STEP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Create space for sitting with Jesus and his word.</li><li>Commit to reading Scripture 4+ times a week</li><li>Focus on being with Jesus, not checking boxes</li></ul>
 <b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<p>John 1:1 “ In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.”</p> <p>John 1:4 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”</p> <p>Psalm 1:1-3</p>



NEXT WEEK

SNEAK PEEK

Join us next week as we start our new series on the book of Nehemiah

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