# The Focused Jesus

## Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life John 12:1-19:42

# Relating to Jesus

## As Jesus comes to the climax of His mission on earth He speaks of the effects an ongoing relationship with Him will have

### It will change them

### It will change the way the world sees them

# The Christian and the world

## The world

### The creation

### The object of God’s love

### Everything that opposes God

#### It’s only in the last sense that it is used here

# Jesus calls us to mission

### Mission says we are not staying where we are, we are not content with the world as it is, we want to change things

#### Jesus says ’my mission is your mission’

## To be those who go out to change things by

### Doing the will of the Father

### Seeking to save the lost

### Calling those who fall short to step up

### Proclaiming God’s favour

#### Jesus died to set you free to enjoy the presence and love of God

## Your mission comes from God

### It is affirmed by:

#### Your new nature

#### Your relationship with Jesus

#### Your knowledge of truth

### Mission always leads to opposition

## Jesus promises the Spirit

### To those on mission

### To those who need help

### To those who want to change the world

# The witness to the world

## Comes from the Holy Spirit AND us

### Together, souls are won, the lost are found, hope is raised, freedom is gained and joy is brought to family, friends, neighbours and communities

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The world

## Share/discuss the different ways ‘the world’ is used in everyday language

### Write down to compare

## In what ways is it used in the Bible?

### Is it always positive or negative? (1Jn2:15; Jn 3:16; Mk 16:15)

# Jesus’ mission

## What would make the Christian message more acceptable to the world?

### What should we leave out from what we believe and what should we add?

#### e.g. Jesus is the only way to the Father; universal sinfulness; Jesus as the only Son of God; the atonement; not everyone goes to heaven; grace rather than mercy or judgement; inclusion

## While we cannot change the gospel we can adapt it

### How far do you agree with this?

### What is the difference between changing and adapting?

# Our mission

## Who is your primary mission field?

### How do you communicate the good news to them?

## How far do you agree that mission always leads to opposition?

### Does opposition always lead to persecution? Explain your answer

## Jesus cites the miracles as evidence to those who rejected Him and His message

### What can the Christian cite? (Try starting with 15:12-15)

# The Holy Spirit and mission

## Why must Christians testify if the Holy Spirit will do it? (26f)

### What does testimony add to the mix?

#### Share your story to bring light on this