

MY TEACHER

50 DAYS WITH JESUS – PART 6

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- Share about one of your favorite teachers from your education. Why did they rise to the top?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Brainstorm: How many things that Jesus taught can your group name before a 60 second time goes off?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What is one of the first teachings of Jesus you can recall learning?
- What would it have been like to listen to the Sermon on the Mount? Be practical as well as magical.
- Why do you think Jesus' teaching was engaging to the commoner? Talk about how Jesus taught?
- How does the church you attend, or attended in the past, communicate in similar ways? Is there communication engaging to the commoner?
- Why was it offensive to the religious leaders?
- What stops us from actually practicing Jesus' teaching? Don't be afraid to go deep.
- What is Jesus' hardest teaching to follow? Go ahead and pick a Final Four!
- We love loopholes. Tax loopholes. Moral loopholes. How did Jesus teach in a way that everyone is guilty and everyone can have a way out and forward?
- Talk about the challenge of obeying the following teachings of Jesus:
 - "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God"
 - "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out, . . ."
 - "love your enemies, and bless those who curse you"

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus, Your teaching cuts right to our hearts, challenges us not just to be better versions of ourselves, but to be like our teacher. Thank you for your sacrifice. All authority is yours. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Uh, this one is easy. Do the reading plan! www.flagchurch.com/jesus

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Mark 1:22 (NIV)

²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Matthew 7:28 (NIV)

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

Matthew 13:54 (NIV)

⁵⁴ Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked.

Matthew 22:22 (NIV)

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

²³ Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.