

THE WAY OF JESUS

Part One: How Do I Get Life Right? // Jeff Brodie // April 24, 2022

You want to get life right. To live skillfully and even leave a legacy. But what do you do when the real, hard stuff of life happens? Nobody plans to mess life up, but it happens all the time. We try to avoid hard times and mistakes, but they happen. So what do you do in seasons of pain, conflict, doubt, or even success? How do you get them right? In this series, we'll be looking at some of the options out there and how Jesus took a different kind of approach—one that might surprise you but also shapes your heart into more of who you were created to be.

Scripture: [Luke 6:39-40 NLT](#); [1 John 2:15-17 NLT](#); [Matthew 15:7-9 NLT](#); [Matthew 16:26 NLT](#); [Matthew 23:13-14 NLT](#); [Romans 12:2 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Jesus didn't come to make bad hearts good, but to bring dead hearts back to life through his grace.

Getting Started:

1. How have you made life decisions in the past? What informed your decisions?
2. Have you ever questioned whether you are making the right choice in a specific circumstance? Consider sharing the choice you had to make with your group.

Discuss:

3. Jeff shared about two traps that Jesus warns us of when it comes to getting life right: the way of the world and the way of religion. Which of these two did you resonate or struggle with the most?
4. Read [1 John 2:15-17 NLT](#).
 - a. In this passage, John lists three different ways the way of the world can "trap" us. What are they? Have you ever experienced the impact of one of these traps? Consider sharing with the group.
 - b. Do you think most of our worldly struggles can be summed up by one of these three traps? Why or why not?

5. Read [Matthew 16:26 NLT](#). Jesus warns us about the dangers of pursuing and choosing the way of the world. How does this verse impact your perception of the way of the world and its impact on your soul?
6. Read [Matthew 15:7-9 NLT](#). Why do you think Jesus uses such strong words when addressing the Pharisees? Can you identify at all with what Jesus says?
7. Read [Matthew 23:13-14 NLT](#). How do Jesus' words in this passage impact your understanding of grace?
8. Read [Luke 6:39-40 NLT](#) and [Romans 12:2 NLT](#). In these passages, Jesus invites us to follow him and his way of living, not just modify our external behaviours. How do these words challenge you to become more like him, not only in the way you behave, but also in the way you think, feel, and experience life?

Moving Forward:

"Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." - Romans 12:2 NLT