



TALK IT OVER

Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel. Choose just one or a few of the questions to consider this week.

Warm-Up:

Think about a time when you misunderstood someone and later realized you were completely wrong about them. What changed your understanding?

Discuss:

1. In what ways might you be limiting Jesus based on past experiences, disappointments, or preconceived ideas?
2. Where in your life might hesitation, skepticism, or spiritual passivity be keeping you from experiencing growth? What is one area where you sense God inviting you to trust him more fully?
3. Is there someone in your life you've labeled, dismissed, or quietly criticized? How might your relationship change if you chose curiosity and prayer over judgment?
4. Has your history with church or faith ever made Jesus feel overly familiar? What would it take to approach him again with fresh openness?
5. Are you guarding your independence in a way that keeps others at a distance? Where might pride, busyness, or past hurt be preventing meaningful connection? Who might God be placing in your life right now for your growth?
6. How can prayer reshape how you see someone?
7. What intentional practice would help you better understand Jesus this Lent? How will you create space for that?



Apply:

This week, practice the "Three Open Doors" challenge:

1. Open the Gospel — Read one chapter of Mark each day and ask, "What does this reveal about who Jesus really is?"
2. Open Your Heart — Choose one person you may have misunderstood and pray daily, "Lord, help me see them as You see them."
3. Open Your Life — Initiate one meaningful conversation with someone you may have kept at arm's length. Listen more than you speak.

At the end of the week, reflect on what changed — in your understanding of Jesus, in your perspective of others, and in your willingness to be known.

Pray:

Father, please help me in the week ahead to hear your voice and to understand you in a deeper way. Help me also to try and understand the people around me and to look upon them with love and care. Help me to know Jesus more fully, to grow in him more deeply and to be like him toward the people in my life. In your name, Amen.