

why on earth... ?

a fresh way to talk about life's big questions



Session sheet

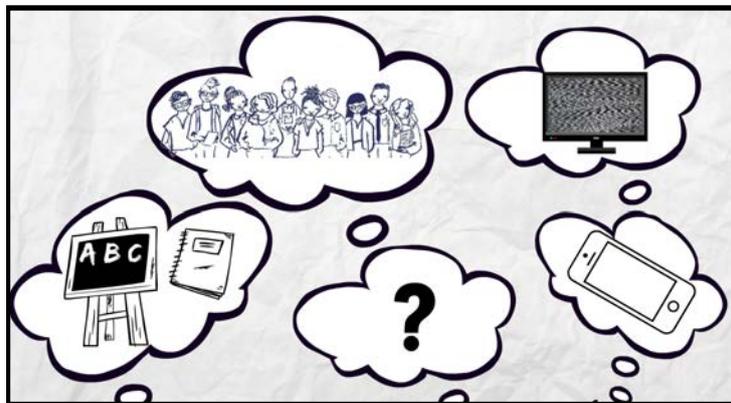
why on earth... bother with Jesus?

In this session we take a fresh look at Jesus.

We do this through the eyes of a friend who knew him well and who found Jesus to be unlike anybody else he knew.

We explore who Jesus was, and why he still matters today.

Background Noise



Video Recap



Peter fishing



Peter swims to Jesus



Peter denied Jesus



A second chance



Stronger than death



A fresh start



Group 1: Peter Questions

- a) When Peter saw Jesus from the boat, he jumped in the lake and swam ashore. Why?
- b) How do you think Peter felt when he saw Jesus standing next to a charcoal fire (again)?
- c) What difference do you think this meeting at the lakeside made for Peter?
- d) Bishop Desmond Tutu said, 'Without forgiveness there's no future.' What do you think he meant? Can you think of an example from your own experience, or from a story in the news?



Group 2: Jesus Questions

- a) Do you think Jesus knew Peter would be fishing that morning?
- b) Why do you think Jesus made a charcoal fire at the lakeside?
- c) Why do you think Jesus gave Peter another chance?
- d) Bishop Desmond Tutu said, 'Without forgiveness there's no future.' What do you think he meant? Can you think of an example from your own experience, or from a story in the news?

Takeaway

Take some time this week to think if there is anybody in your life you need to forgive, for something they said or did to you. Is there something you can do to bring forgiveness into a difficult situation or relationship?

The Jesus Peter Knew

Quotes

'Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.'

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'Love your enemies.
Do good to those who hate you.
Pray for the happiness
of those who curse you.
Pray for those who hurt you.'

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'Let those who have never sinned
throw the first stones.'

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'Don't worry about everyday life –
whether you have enough food,
drink, and clothes.
Doesn't life consist of more than
food and clothing?'

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'If you forgive others,
you will be forgiven.'

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'How do you benefit
if you gain the whole world,
but lose your own soul
in the process?'

People

Outsiders and foreigners

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Women badly treated
by men

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People who are ill

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Children

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Poor people

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People who feel lost

Word-Pictures

Prince of peace

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Healer

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Door

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Light

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Way, truth and life

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Friend