



SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

**Calling us back to
the central focus of
our Christian faith:
The Risen and
Living Jesus!**

VIDEO SERIES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SESSION ONE — MISSING JESUS

1. Is Jesus missing because we have wandered away from where he is?
2. Have we allowed ourselves to accept a lesser definition of what it means to be Christian? Does that definition distract us from a heightened focus on Jesus?
3. Are we so battered by winds and waves that we might not recognize Jesus even as he stands among us or walks toward us in the storm?
4. What are the winds and waves that most distract us from being focused on Christ?
5. Can you remember a time in your own life and faith when you became aware that Jesus was missing because you had stopped paying attention to him?

SESSION TWO — JESUS IS LORD

1. Instead of missing Jesus, or taking our discipleship for granted, what might it mean to live as people whose eyes are fixed on Jesus?
2. How do we maintain such focus?
3. What powerful change might that mean for us, our congregations, our communities and the world?

SESSION THREE — REALLY SEEING

1. There are so many distractions that keep us from focusing on Jesus. For Peter it was the waves. What are the “waves” of distraction right now?
2. By the same token? What are the stormy seas on which Jesus invites us to stand with him?
3. What could it mean for the church, our congregation, and the wider community if we prioritized being with Jesus wherever he is and wherever he calls us to be?

SESSION FOUR — THE DANGER OF DISTRACTION

1. How do we keep our eyes on Jesus and not become entangled in political partisanship?
2. How can we hold a more healthy perspective of faith without diminishing its depth amidst our own pursuits of happiness and comfort?
3. How can we better navigate the growing demands of life while maintaining the priority of our call to follow Jesus and see like Jesus sees and navigates through the world?

SESSION FIVE — A COMMUNITY TO CHECK OUR VISION

1. Consider a time when you have truly seen Jesus and felt seen by Jesus. What was that experience like? What was able to be healed or shaped in you as a result?
2. Since this faith journey has never been intended to be individual, what has been our role as “disciples in the boat”? Have we stood by silently? Chastised leaps of faith? Or encouraged one another as we’ve exercised our faith and obedience to Jesus’s call to come?
3. How can we remain humble enough to acknowledge our need for Jesus’s healing touch in the midst of opposing voices of influence in the world and even in the wider church?

SESSION SIX — SEEING JESUS, CLAIMING JESUS’ MISSION

1. Where in our communities do we see poverty?
2. Where do we see racial or economic oppression or injustice?
3. Where do we see people languishing in isolation?
4. Where do we see suffering?
5. Where do we see people who have been given up on by everyone else?
6. What are we called to do about it?

SESSION SEVEN — SEEING JESUS: TRANSFORMING ME

1. How does really seeing Jesus challenge previous ways of thinking feeling and acting?
2. How am I being drawn into a way of thinking, feeling and acting more like Christ?
3. What in me is being challenged? What needs to change?
4. How am I being invited to grow so that I might offer myself more and more to Jesus’ mission in my community, my work, and all of my life?
5. How might my faith grow until my life could really sing the song: *Take my life and let it be consecrated to Thee?*

SESSION EIGHT — SEEING JESUS: TRANSFORMING ME

1. Consider this: When Jesus looks at us, that’s what he sees. Will we see him clearly enough to join in?
2. How might we begin to practice stepping out on the storms?
3. What opportunities do we have to speak, act and live?