



THE JESUS LIFE

04/03/2022 "The Perfect Life"

1. Read Matthew 5:48. When you hear Jesus say, "be perfect", what comes to your mind?
2. This English word "perfect" carries a different connotation than what the Greek text may imply. The Greek connotes complete, mature, reaching an intended function and purpose. How does this change the meaning of this passage?
3. Pastor Matt connected this concept to God's creation, the cosmos; everything in a proper function and order. What did he mean by stating your life is meant to be a cosmos, not a chaos?
4. Read Matthew 16:13-19. What significance does Jesus' question about his identity have for his disciples? Why did it matter?
5. To move from *chaos* to *cosmos*, there has to be a clarifying or ordering element. Something around which everything else revolves. What things do people often use to define their lives? What are the strengths or weaknesses of these?
6. What things do you typically see as centering or defining for your life?
7. How does Peter's statement about Jesus' identity in Matthew 16:13-19 create clarity or order?
8. Jesus says the key to the perfect life is deciding to make him the center. What does this mean?
9. What might it look like for Jesus to be at the center of your identity, your work, your relationships, your daily routine? How would life be different?
10. Take a moment to do an internal audit. Can you identify one or two things around which most of your life revolves? What are those things that tend to be the filter for everything else?
11. How would you like to respond to this weeks' message and scripture?