

Group Leader Guide

Sermon Recap

Pastor introduces Ken, who has a rich history with Columbia Bible College and the Canadian Conference of MB Churches, and welcomes him to share the word. Ken emphasizes the importance of having the right posture in discipleship, discussing three key postures: worship, hesitation, and walking away from Jesus. He highlights that true worship involves bowing in submission and trust before King Jesus, while hesitating or walking away signifies a lack of commitment. Ultimately, he encourages the congregation to reflect on their posture towards Jesus, urging them to embrace worship as a response to His love and authority.

Ice Breaker

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, but it had to be a dessert, what dessert would you choose?

Discussion Questions

Why do you think some of the disciples hesitated or doubted Jesus after his resurrection?

- Ken spoke about the tension between their Jewish beliefs and the unexpected nature of Jesus as the risen Messiah.
- Have you ever hesitated in your own faith? What situations make you doubt, and how can you work through those doubts?

What does the term 'ichthys' represent in the sermon, and why is it significant for understanding Jesus?

- Ken explained that 'ichthys' is the Greek word for fish and represents an early Christian symbol for Jesus, where the letters form an acronym for 'Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.'
- How can understanding the meaning behind symbols like 'ichthys' deepen our faith and connection to Jesus today?

In the passage from Matthew 28, what do you think it means for Jesus to have 'all authority in heaven and on earth'?

- Ken emphasized that this statement signifies Jesus' role as king and the power He holds over all creation.
- How does believing in Jesus' authority influence your daily decisions and interactions with others?

Ken discussed the idea of worship as a physical posture. How can our physical actions reflect our spiritual attitudes towards Jesus?

- He mentioned that true worship involves bowing down in submission and trust before Jesus.
- What are some ways you can express your worship or reverence for Jesus in your daily life?

What does it mean to have a posture of discipleship according to Ken, and how can that shape your relationship with God and others?

- Ken outlined three postures of discipleship—worship, standing before Jesus, and walking away—highlighting the importance of actively following Him.
- In what areas of your life might you need to adjust your posture to more closely reflect true discipleship?

Prayer 🙏

- • Ask for prayer requests from the group.
- • Pray for each other to apply the message of faithfulness to Jesus in everyday life.
- • Ask God for courage to share the message of Jesus with those around us.
- • Seek God's guidance in being open and humble to receive His truth this week.