

RECAP

As you reflect on this past week, what did you discover by answering the question 'what am I most connected to?'

Additionally, what was your particular practice of choice this week to connect with God? (e.x nature, contemplation, liturgy, serving others, celebration, etc.)

IDEA 1

When Jesus says I am the way, the truth, and the life he is inviting all people to a wedding party like no other. It doesn't matter what your gender is. It doesn't matter what your ethnicity is. Your age doesn't matter. Everyone is invited. Anyone can say yes to Jesus.

What were your immediate thoughts and feelings in Steve reframing the 'I AM' statement into a marriage invitation/proposal as oppose to a declaration of exclusivity?

How does the context of a marriage invitation/proposal influence how we view God himself, and even our approach in evangelizing to the lost?

IDEA 2

Steve throughout the sermon expanded on Jesus' statement: (1) Jesus himself is the pathway to a flourishing and satisfying life, (2) Jesus himself is the bearer of all truth and reality, thus the trustworthy guide, (3) Jesus himself offers us life beyond life. Eternal life.

What has it looked like for you to follow *the way* of Jesus that leads to a flourishing life?

In what ways is the world competing against the truth of Jesus Christ?

How does the promise of 'life beyond life' effect how we live in the present?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Steve gave two practical ways to respond to Jesus' marriage proposal. First, if you haven't accepted Jesus, the first response is to say yes to his proposal. Second, if your affection has been divided the second response is 'to renew your vows.'

Take time to pray for those in your life who you desire to see respond to Jesus' marriage proposal and say yes to him.

Also encourage people to listen for the conviction of Holy Spirit and repent of any divided affections they may have and invite them to renew their vows to Jesus in prayer. (It may be helpful to break up into smaller groups for this.)

APPLICATION

Write down your own vows to Jesus this week and pick a mentor, or close friend, to share them with.

When you do, decide how you would like to keep them fresh in your mind. It could be by having them visibly present in your room, workspace, or computer (e.g. sticky note, fridge, etc). Or you could have a rhythmic check up (e.g. once a week/month).