Week 1:

Come and Receive

COME to JESUS

1. Read Matthew 11:28. What kinds of burdens—spiritual, emotional, physical or financial—do you try to carry on your own, without God's help?
    - What assumptions do we hold about strength, productivity, or control that Jesus quietly overturns in this passage?
2. Read Romans 3:23. How does this verse challenge common ideas that people are "inherently good"?
    - In what ways do you tend to compare yourself to others instead of to God's standard?
3. Read Romans 5:8. Does this verse lead you more toward shame or toward gratitude?
    - Why is it important that Jesus died for us before we changed?
4. We don't change in order to be loved; we change because we are loved. Grace becomes the power for transformation rather than guilt or fear. Where have you seen God's grace at work recently?
5. Read John 7: 38. Do you experience your faith as survival/thirst or overflow?
    - What might block the "flow" of living water in your life?
    - What does overflow faith look like and feel like in your life?
6. What keeps the people in your life from hearing about Jesus' invitation to find new life and hope? What keeps the people in your life from accepting the invitation of Jesus to find new life and hope?
7. When do you feel most spiritually refreshed and renewed —and what's usually present in that season?
8. What's one step you can take this week to help you lay down a heavy burden and receive the rest that Jesus is offering?

Scripture References

Romans 3:23

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

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Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

John 7:37

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!”

John 7:38

Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

Takeaways

- We were all:
    - Made - Broken - Separated - Bought Back
- What do we do with Jesus?
    - ~~Come & Bring - Come & Give - Come & Do~~
    - Come and Receive.
- Have you heard about Jesus?
- Do you sense a thirst inside you?
- Do you desire to be in relationship with Jesus?
    - Come to Jesus.
- Do you desire to repent of your sins and follow Jesus - but have no strength to do it?
    - Come anyway.

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