

## RE:DISCOVER SERIES REVIEW

### RE:JESUS PT. 1: Simple Gospel

Jesus' way of self-sacrifice and humility can be extremely counterculture to the way of the world. The way of the world is all about consumer culture where we become more. The truth is we need to make Jesus more. This consumer culture can even envelop the church and create Christians that seek instant gratification for their own personal needs. They start to depend on their own competence rather than a prayerful life that is dependent on God.

True humility is denying oneself and following Jesus. Putting aside our own desires and plans to follow the desires and plans of Jesus. That takes sacrifice, trust, and love. We learn to love Jesus by loving one another through our actions because the gospel values community over individualism. A church exists for others and that means living a life of submission.

Transforming someone into the likeness of Christ can't be hurried. People make mistakes. It's a slow work, so it can't be hurried, but it's urgent, so it can't be delayed. The Christian consumer culture wants to get things done now and they are looking for shortcuts to becoming like Christ, but the truth is that God is building that person over a long period of time. We need to embrace that God created us with that in mind. God is the archer and we are the arrow. He uses life, like a bow, to create tension. The farther we get pulled back, the farther we will launch forward. God is launching us to our purposes here on Earth. We are not limited to one purpose in life. We are here to do many things and first and foremost our purpose is to let others know about the unsearchable riches of Christ. That Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and then rose again. That's the simple gospel that we struggle to share to the rest of the world. That is the Good News.

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#### Key Verses:

- Micah 6:8
- Romans 12:10
- 1 John 3:18
- Mark 8:34-36
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- Ephesians 3:7-8
- Philippians 1:27