



## **PART 1: WHO IS REALLY BLESSED?**

### **INTRODUCTION**

What if the underlying spiritual issue facing the Church today is that we've failed to take Jesus seriously enough? What if much of the culture's judgment of Christians isn't the result of Christians obeying Jesus, but the result of Christians ignoring him? What could look differently in culture, and in our lives, if we lived like Jesus was serious?

### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 28:18-20

John 8:12

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Pastor Will shared that the fastest growing religious group in the US is the "Nones"- those with no religious affiliation. Why do you think that is? Do you have people in your life who would identify this way?
2. Christians generally take one of two approaches in regards to culture. They either separate themselves against culture in an "us against them" approach, or they hold faith loosely in order to engage with pop culture's values for acceptance. Which one do you tend to lean into?
3. Pastor Will said that both of these approaches impact our relationship with Jesus negatively. We have to obey Jesus, and not ignore Him for the sake of our comfort or culture. Where have you gotten this wrong?
4. Do you take Jesus' teachings and actions seriously? What does this look like in your daily life?
5. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What is your role and responsibility as a Christian? How are you currently doing this? How can you begin to live out the Great Commission?
6. Every single person is a disciple of something or someone. Who and what are you following? How can this group help you follow Jesus more closely?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Application Prayer: Jesus, help me to get back to your original command for me to follow: to make disciples. But I can't expect others to take you seriously if I'm not willing to go first.