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“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

Based on Dallas Willard’s 3-part series at Baylor University

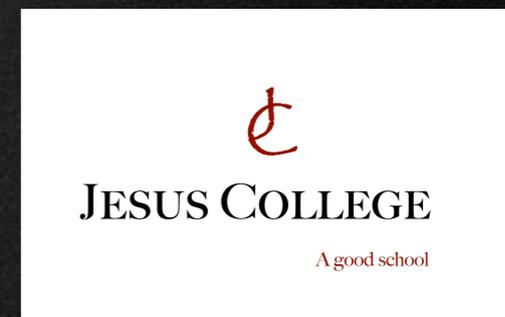
*Equipping Apprentice Makers to help Jesus followers
live the Sermon on the Mount*

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Thursdays, April 22 - May 26, 2021

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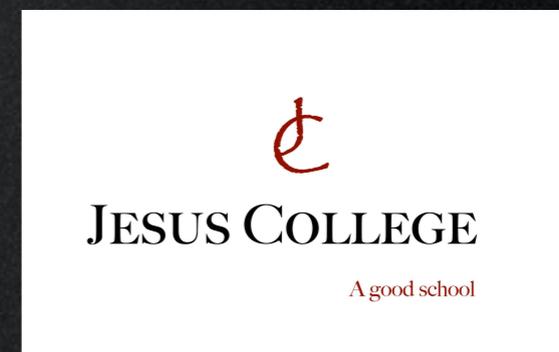
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“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”
Course Schedule

#1 - “Living Water” - DW 1 of 3 [04:30-23:00]

#2 - “Your 4M IQ” - DW 1 of 3 [23:00-48:30]

#3 - “The Kingdom Now in Jesus” - DW 2 of 3 [0-21:45]

#4 - “Making an Apprentice” - DW 2 of 3 [21:45-45:10]

#5 - “Kingdom Living” - DW 3 of 3 [0-21:45]

6 - “Eternal Kind of Life” - DW 3 of 3 [21:45-37:15]



“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”
REVIEW Session 1 - “Living Water”

“When we stand in our local congregations, our families, and our communities, that’s really the work to receive the living water and let it flow through us. It isn’t to follow our own cleverness or to work in whatever strength we may be able to get up. It is to live in the richness of the Kingdom as a reality that flows through us.”



“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”
Session 2 - “Your 4M IQ”



“4M IQ” – Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q1 - What is reality?

A - The Kingdom of God.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Q2 - Who is well off - living the good life?

A - Living in the direct availability of the Kingdom of God.

“Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Q3 - Who is a good person?

A - One permeated with agape love.

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - Become an apprentice of Jesus.

“Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man...”

“4M IQ” — Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q1 - What is reality?

Perhaps the most important thing I have to say to you this evening - We have to understand this is an issue of what counts as knowledge. We have to assert the teachings of Jesus as knowledge of reality. That’s one of the hardest things to do today.

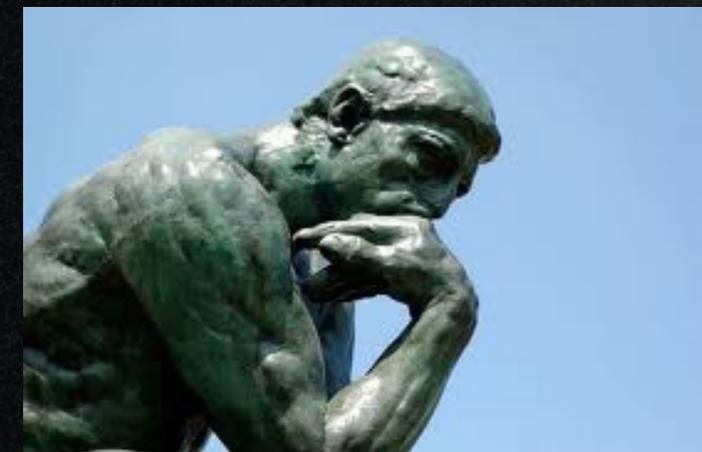
Reality is what you’re going to have to deal with. I will often say to my students reality is what you run into when you’re wrong. It’s quite unyielding. The bitterness of truth is that it doesn’t care what you think or want. Reality is the same way.

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Session 1

Knowledge (def.)

“You have knowledge of something if you are able to present it as it is on an appropriate basis of thought and experience.”



Q1 - What is reality? (continued)

I think it is the single most important thing that we have to do both in taking care of ourselves and watching our teaching. We understand and present the reality of God, the Trinitarian reality - God in Himself, a wonderful loving community creating a world, creating me in that world.

“A very present help in time of all trouble.” (Psalm 46)

I don't just mean I turn to Him in times of trouble, I turn to Him at all times. He is the primary atmosphere in which I live. That's crucial for us in our churches.

My experience - the primary issue we face in our churches is the inability to believe in the reality of God.



Attention Apprentice Makers!

We need to bring people to a place where they really do believe in God, really do believe that Jesus made clear what God is and made Him accessible,

“Through Him who believe in God.” 1 Peter 1:21



“4M IQ” — Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q2 - Who is well off?

A function of the nature of reality. This is what people pursue:

-Does our well being reside in reputation, money, health?

“Woe be to you that are rich.” (Luke 6)

Not because there is something sinful about being rich. If you put your confidence in that, you’re headed for trouble.

“Blessed are the poor.”

Not because there is something glorious about being poor. If you’ve been poor, you know. It’s not a good condition.

The blessing is not in the condition but in the Kingdom.

Q2 - Who is well off? (continued)

The blessing is not in the condition but in the Kingdom.

Q - What is the Kingdom? God in action.

What is well being that we bring to ourselves and others?

It is living in the action of God.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?”

What are you seeking?

You're not seeking the millennium.

You're not seeking some political arrangement.

You're seeking to be involved in what God is doing.

It's an everlasting Kingdom. We are invited to count on that reality, base our life on it, and become involved in it.

Q2 - Who is well off? (cont'd)

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

How do you seek it?

Joshua 1:8

In our religious culture people think,

“I’m trying to get to heaven when I die.” It’s not about heaven when you die. That’ll take care of itself?

It’s about knowing life now
in the reality of God.

“4M IQ” — Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q3 - Who is a really good person?

Who is good and who is not has many claims and is often very political.

Jesus says a really good person is one who is pervaded by agape love - their body, soul, spirit, character, all organized around agape love.

Agape Love is the intention to do the things that are good for the people that are loved.

“We love because He first loved us.”

That goes all the way back up to the top. The ultimate reality at the center of the universe is a God of love, not just that He loves me, but He is love.

“I love chocolate cake!”

You don't love chocolate cake. You want to eat it.



“4M IQ” — Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q4 - How do you become a really good person?

By being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

You become a person who is really good by learning from Him how to live in the Kingdom of God from the abundant resources of His Kingdom and His nature and that releases you from all of the burdens of running your own kingdom.

That’s where our trouble comes from...
running our own kingdom.



Session 1 @ 37:25

A little girl in Sunday School is asked,

“What is a lie?”

“An abomination to God...

and a very present help in time of trouble.”



Q4 - How do you become a really good person? (cont'd)

A little child is naturally open but very quickly learns it has to hide and develops all the techniques of hiding and, perhaps by age 30, they have to hire someone for \$250 an hour to find them because they have so much duplicity and deceit worked into them. It spills over into our organizations, our families, often into our churches.

A huge burden falls on us to manage all of that. A great part Jesus is talking about when He teaches,

“Come unto me all you who are heavy burdened...”

You can step out from under all of that. You don't have to manage the truth...to make things come out. You can leave that to God. The battle is the Lord's. You get to stand in the truth and watch it happen. In the middle of that you can love the people who hate you, you can bless those who curse you, pray for those who spitefully use you. What an incredible blessing to learn what Jesus has to teach us.



What is real?

First thing in the morning questions:

"What is reality?"

"What am I going to have to deal with?"

"Is the first reality God?"

"Have I learned to meet it in that way?"

"What am I going to pursue?"

"Who am I going to be?"

"What am I going to learn from Jesus today about how to do all that?"

Summary of the “4M IQ”

I am very convinced that God’s intent for each of us is to become the kind of person that He can empower to do what we want.

Dallas Willard

“For Such a Time as This”, Session 1 @ 42:15

As we live in the school of Jesus, we can progressively come to the point where we know the goodness of the rightness under God and we are prepared to sign off on the goodness of doing the thing that is right.

Then we look at Jesus' teaching through different eyes.

"Love your enemies."

How can I do that? Only if I come back up the list. I have to say reality is in favor of loving your enemies. If I do that I am not going to be destroyed.

Dallas Willard

"For Such a Time as This", Session 1 @ 46:40

Our only hope is that God will act. Sometimes the biggest problem is for us to get out of the way.

God's address is the end of your rope.



Q&C = Questions & Comments



Use "Q&A" on the bottom of your Zoom screen

“I’ll confess, as a young minister, I put on a lot of fake. I was talking about a lot of things I didn’t believe myself. I had to go through a lot of years growing thru that.

We need to step out in the reality of it, count on it. Let our own will and character shape around it and then let it stand. I believe we will see it have a remarkable effect on others.”

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Session 1 Q&A - Last Comment



In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q - What is my "4M IQ"? How new are these 4 questions to me? What will I do with them?

Q - Which one question resonates with me most right now?

Q - What 2-3 people will I share these 4 questions with to engage more learning?

80:00 + 10K

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Summary of Session 2 - “4M IQ”

When I can turn loose and trust the God who is love, who has come to act in human history and to allow those who seek Him to find Him, then I can know in my work, my church, my family, God is real. If I surrender to Him and live in His way, He'll bring to pass things I can't even begin to imagine.

“Beyond all we can ask or think”

...when we have learned to live in that reality.



“God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in time of trouble.”

“The Lord being my portion.”

“Rivers to the desert.”

“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said,
rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

“Never thirst again.”



Next Week — Session 3 of 6

“The Kingdom of God Now in Jesus”

Dallas Willard Teaching at Baylor
#2 of 3 - Time code 00:00-21:45

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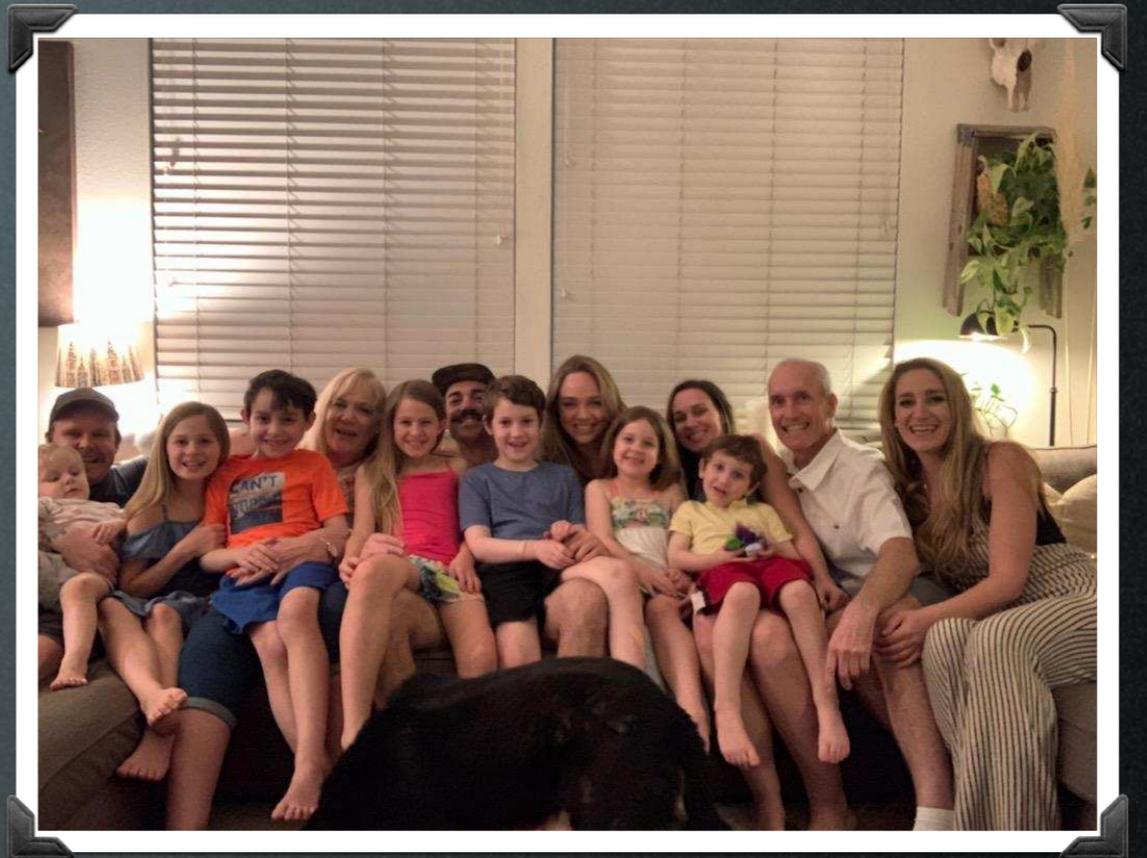
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