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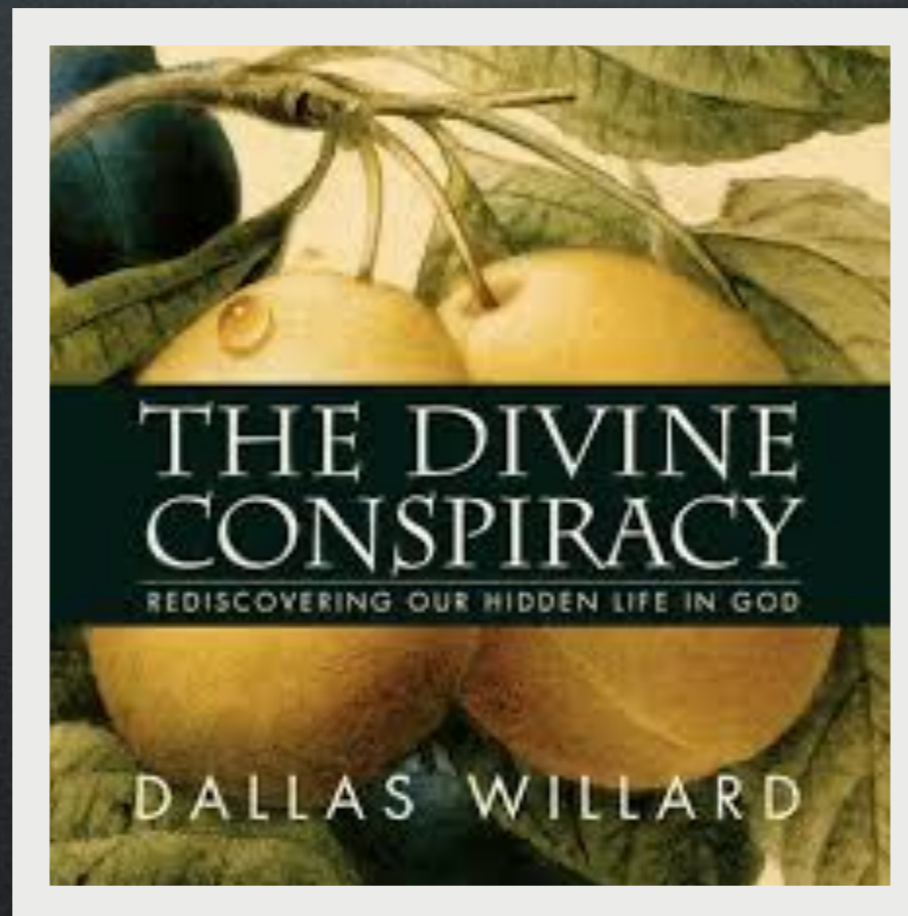




# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

What is this book about?

*How to become the kind of person who lives history's greatest teaching - the Sermon on the Mount - taught by history's greatest teacher Jesus Christ.*





**The Course Vision** — *To provide a fresh hearing of Jesus for you to learn how to live your life as Jesus would live your life if He were you.*

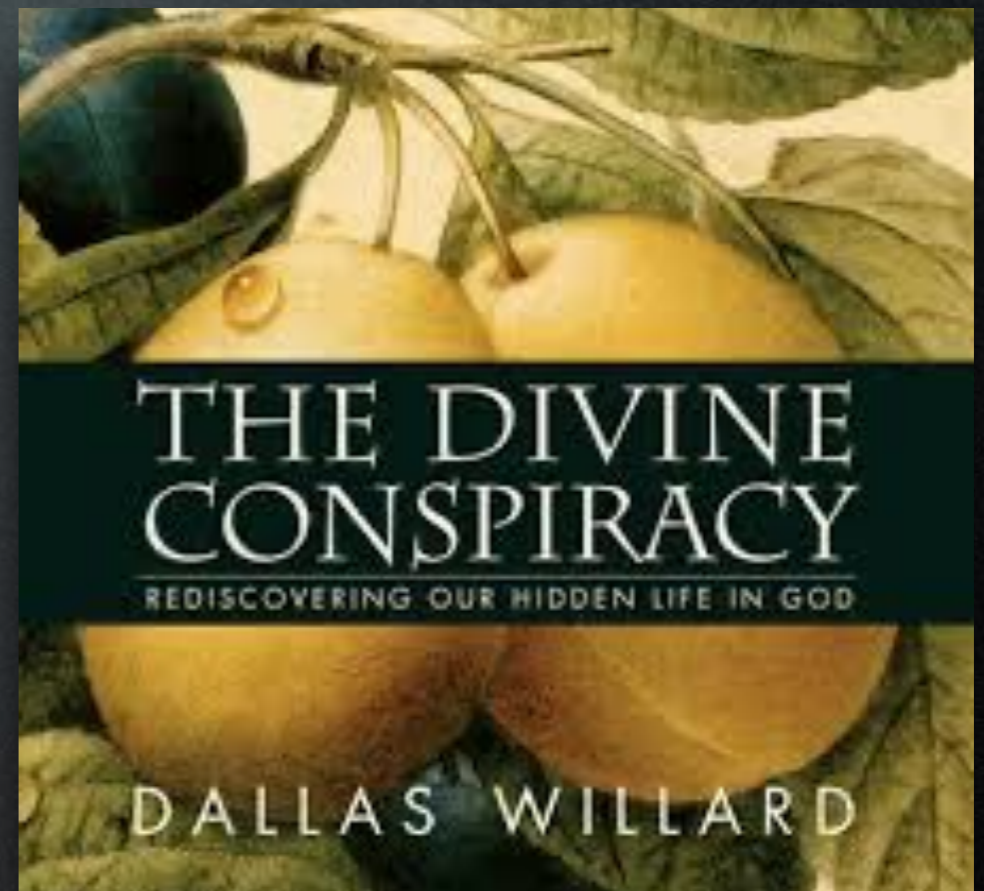
## **The Course Format**

30 minutes weekly for 31 weeks

Screen Slides with Narration

- > Welcome & Summary
- > Key Themes & Quotes
- > Live Q&A (via Zoom chat box)
- > Practice Ideas for the Week
- > Session Summary

+ *Optional 30 minutes of Questions & Comments for those who linger longer!*

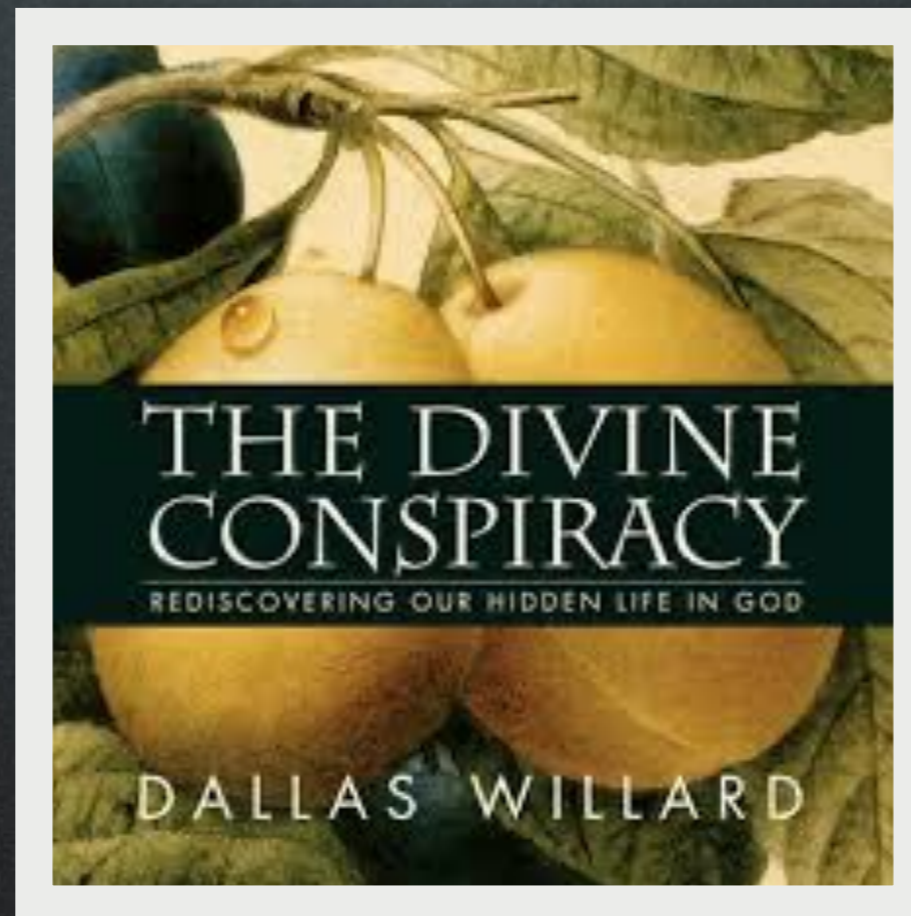




# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

Session 2 - "Entering the Ordinary"

*Chapter 1 - Entering the Eternal Kind of Life Now*





# What is the Gospel of Jesus?





## KINGDOM 101

**The Kingdom of God (def.)** - “The present, available, direct rule of God offered to humanity in the life of Jesus.”

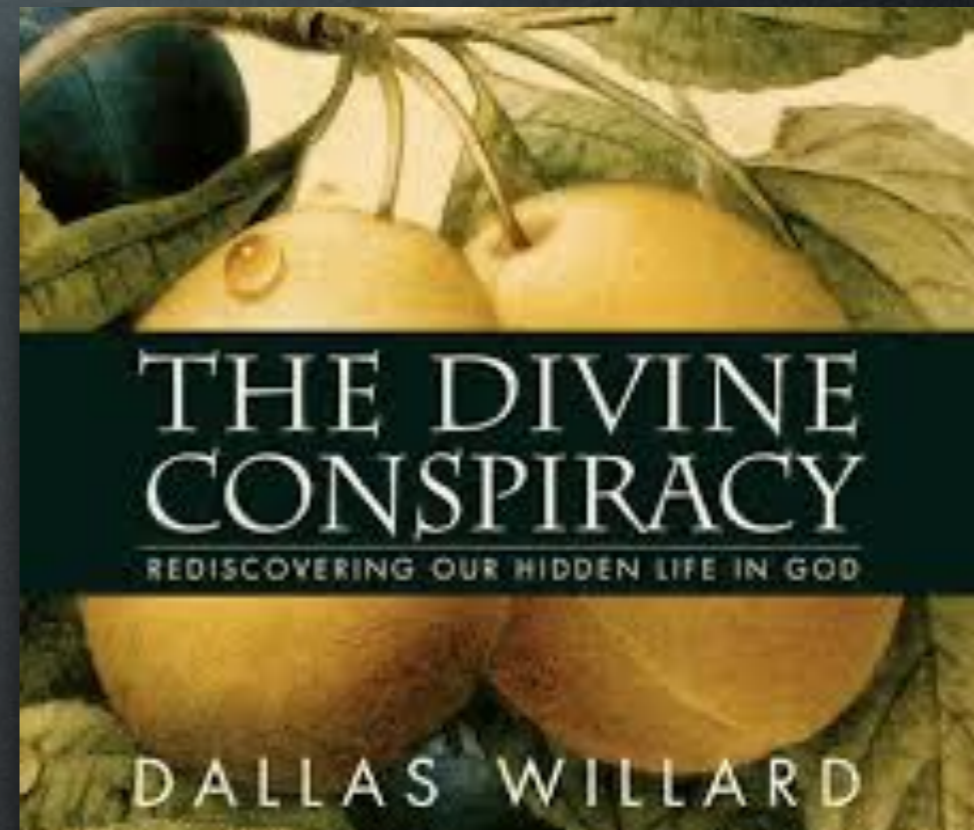
*The Divine Conspiracy Study Guide, p. 19*





## Session 1 Summary

In an upside down, lost world where an absence of moral knowledge places cute & clever over truth, goodness & beauty, Jesus opens a doorway to life that is really life through a daily apprenticeship in His Kingdom.





# REVIEW: THE CONFUSION - Life in the Dark



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AMONG US

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*Let us venture further up, further in...*





## Session 2

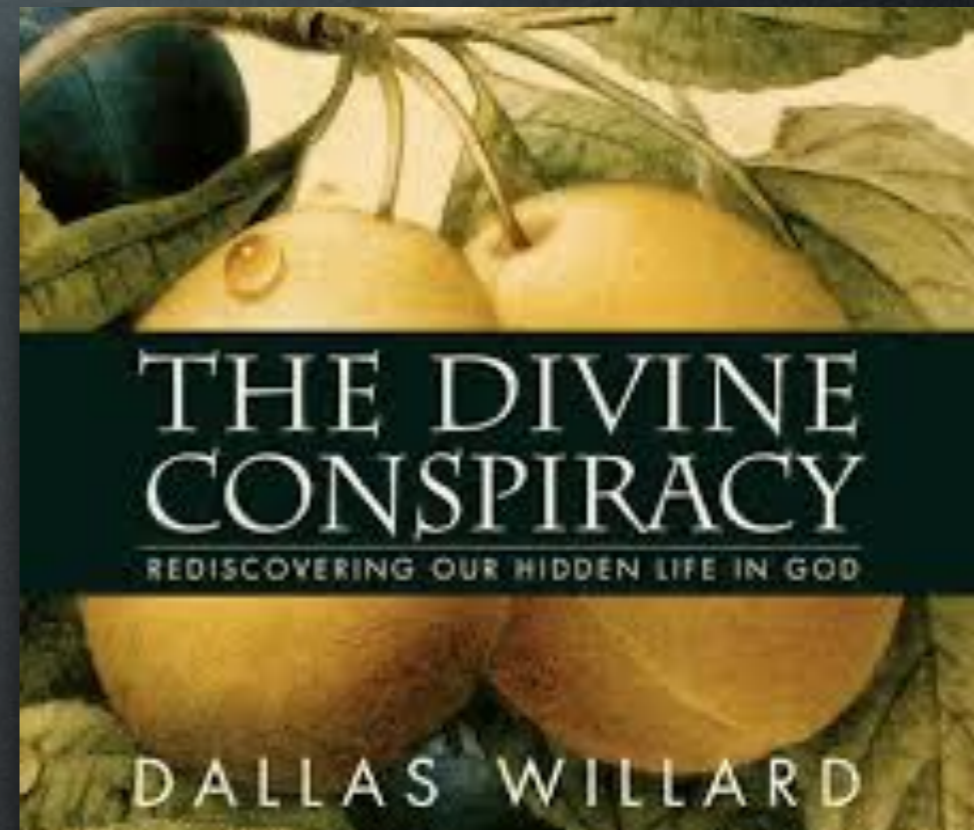
Jesus Entering the Ordinary,  
the Habitation of the Eternal,

...means...

God's Kingdom is Opened to All,  
with Proprieties Aside,

...unleashing...

The Presence of God in Action,  
Extended Onward Through Us.





# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

## Session 2 - "Entering the Ordinary"

### **THE INCARNATION** - Entering the Ordinary

If he [Jesus] were to come today, as he did then, he could carry out his mission through most any decent and useful occupation. (14)





5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
    did not regard equality with God  
    as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point of death—  
    even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8



# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

## Session 2 - "Entering the Ordinary"

### **The HABITATION of the ETERNAL**

The obvious well kept secret of the 'ordinary' is that it is made to be a receptacle of the divine, a place where the life of God flows. (14)

In our search for significance, not egotism...  
we were built to count. (15)





# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

## Session 2 - "Entering the Ordinary"

### GOD'S KINGDOM OPENED to ALL (15-17)

The rule of God is now accessible to everyone. Review your plans for living and base your life on this remarkable new opportunity. (15) ...taking our life into His. (16)

*"The time had come" Jesus said, "the Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." Mark 1:15*

They were only responding to the striking availability of God to meet present human need through the actions of Jesus. He simply was the good news about the Kingdom.  
He still is.





Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

We now, in the presence of Jesus, have the option of living within the surrounding movements of God's eternal purposes, of taking our life into His life. (16)



From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,  
“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 4:17



Repent: Think about your thinking.

“Thinking = Think King”



# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

## Session 2 - "Entering the Ordinary"

### PROPRIETIES ASIDE (17-19)

"The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it." Luke 16:16

Personal need and confidence in Jesus permits any person to blunder into God's realm.

a harlot crashes the party...





## **The PRESENCE of GOD in ACTION (19-20)**

“He taught as one who had authority,  
and not as their teachers of the law.” Matthew 7:29

He [Jesus] was himself the evidence for the truth of His announcement about the availability of God’s Kingdom, or governance, to ordinary human existence. (20)





“Repent” (*Think about what you think about*) [because]  
“The Kingdom of God”

- The present, available, direct rule of God is...

“at hand” - available to you in the life of Jesus Christ.”





# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

## Session 2 - "Entering the Ordinary"

### GOD'S RULE EXTENDED ONWARD THROUGH US (20-21)

"The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15

And this **governance** is projected onward through those who receive him. When we receive God's gift of life by relying on Christ, we find that God comes to act with us as we rely on him in our actions. (20)

"Turning the Tin Soldier into a live man."

CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p. 179  
quoted in *The Divine Conspiracy*, p. 20



What is the divine conspiracy?

*“God’s aim to defeat this dreadful declension from God’s world and God’s kingdom by bringing out a world and history wide community of people who have the character and power of Jesus Christ Himself.”*

*“God’s action in history...  
...to overcome evil with good.”*

Dallas Willard

Harvey Fellows Summer Institute, 2007





# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A



80:00 + 10K

## **Meditation** — *Philippians 2:5-9*

1. Is Jesus real in my ordinary life beyond forgiveness of sins past & security of eternity future?
2. Is there a difference between an Apprentice of the Master and a Christian?
3. What does God's **governance** over my life mean to me?  
(A major theme in the book)
4. Meditate on Jesus in Phil. 2:5-9. Is He more than my Savior? Is He also my life mentor?

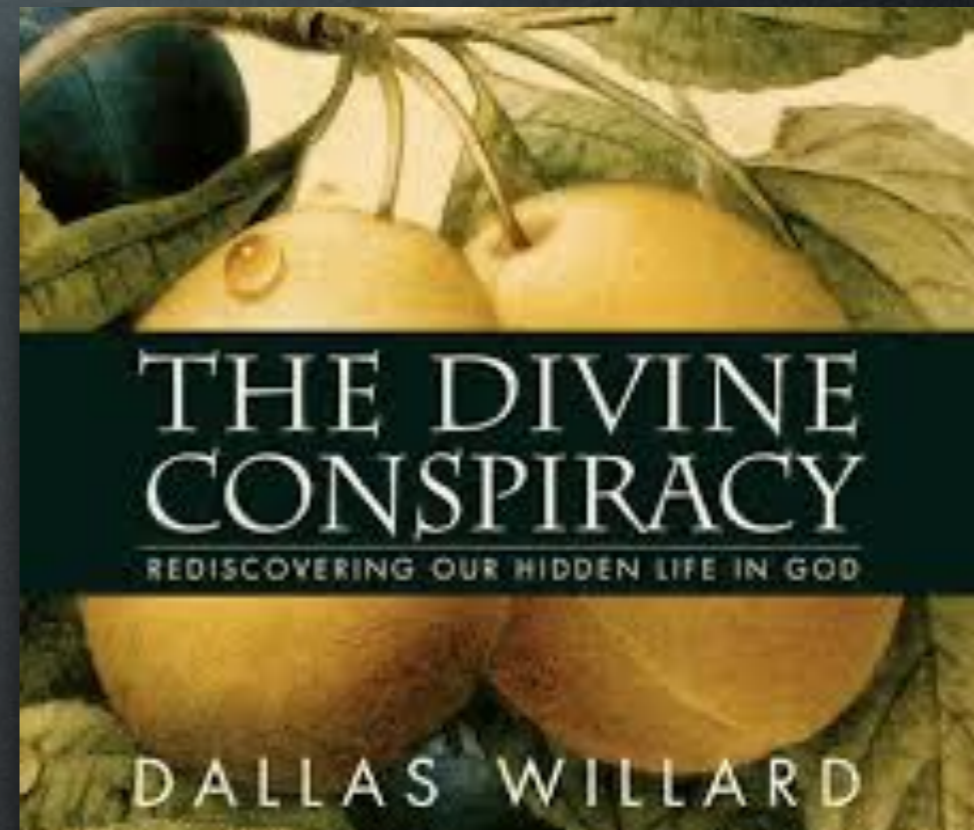


† Cross Fit



## Session 2 Summary

As an ordinary man in a lost world, Jesus arranged for the delivery of life, an eternal kind of life, into humans as receptacles of the divine, a place where the life of God flows and His power reigns.





80:00 + 10K



## “The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel

The Harvey Fellows 2004 Summer Institute  
12-part video series

Session 2\* — The DC #1 - 0:00-12:15

(119) pages of lecture notes in the Jesus College Library

<https://www.jesuscollege.com/dallaswillard-thedivineconspiracy>

\* ✓ Reading Schedule for related teachings





## **Next Week — Session 3**

“Made to Rule”

Hardback - pp. 21 - 28

Paperback - pp. 29 - 26

## **Your Kingdom Backpack Equipment:**

\* Study Guide

\* Reading Schedule

\* Session Recording Link + Slides PDF (weekly)

\* “The Divine Conspiracy” YouTube links & Notes (119 pp.)

## **More Friends**

Register —> [info@JesusCollege.com](mailto:info@JesusCollege.com)



May your next 10,000  
minutes, however  
ordinary, be a receptacle  
of the divine where the  
life of God flows,

*Doug*





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*“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”*

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