



WELCOME to a 9 session course
BEYOND BELIEF

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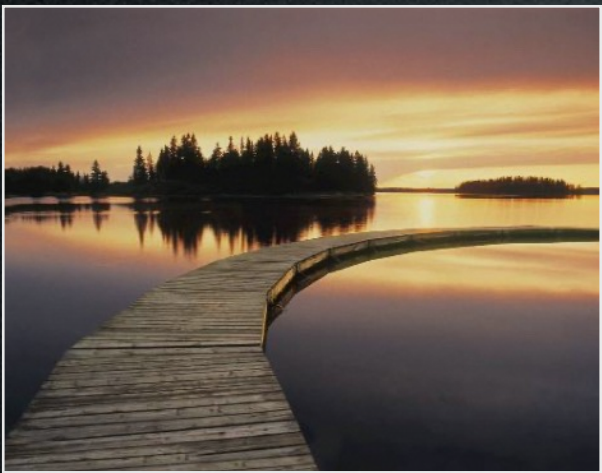
JESUS COLLEGE

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Session 3 Review

“I want to leave you just with that picture. You have faith in Jesus, the Lord, the King of the universe, the master, the King of the kings of the earth. You have faith in Him; you have faith in the present reality of His Kingdom, and you walk in that faith, and that naturally takes up your whole life now. And you have heard a gospel that puts you—who you are—in position before God to become the person that He intended you to be.” Dallas Willard, end of 2B





BEYOND BELIEF

Session 4 - Discipleship:

Apprentices of Jesus

Video 5 [23:50] (Dallas 3A)

I - Grasping the Kingdom of God

II - Safe in the Kingdom of God

III - Our Part Working in the Kingdom of God

IV - Becoming Disciples of Jesus

V - Jesus Teaching the Kingdom:

Two Main Questions



Session 4 - Apprentices of Jesus

I. Grasping the Kingdom of God

People have a hard time grasping the Kingdom of God,
a hard time thinking about it.

Acts 1:6, "Will you now restore the Kingdom to Israel?"

Daniel 2:34, "A rock cut out without hands."

It will be a very different government from expected.

Isaiah 9:7, "All the government will be upon His shoulders."

The Kingdom of God is God's effective will.

"The person of God Himself and the action of His Dallas 3A Intro
will are the organizing principles of His Kingdom."

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 25



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II. Safe in the Kingdom of God

If we step in to the Kingdom of God, then this world is a perfectly safe place for us to be. And there is nothing that will happen to us in this world that cannot be brought to, that will not be brought to good by God. [3A, Video 5 @ 3:10]

Romans 8:28, “All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purposes.”

“All” “Together” = the “chemistry” of the Kingdom

We still suffer but we never suffer without hope because our confidence is in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. [5:19]

“I turn over my kingdom to you.”



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III. Our Part in the Kingdom of God

When we step in to the Kingdom of God...

We have work to do.

We are not left in a passive position.

We are not immediately transformed or rewired.

We have peace with God.

We are given the power to become students of Jesus.

All in us of the old world will gradually be renewed.

That is the process of becoming a disciple.

It will turn us upside down.

[6:16]



THE GREAT INVERSION *

The Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of men are opposite to one another. What is up in one is down in the other and what is down in one is up in the other.

Hannah's Infertility • Moses & Miriam • Mary's Magnificat

“Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 11:11

[7:07-11:17]

*The Great Inversion



The Great Inversion (continued)

The reversals of life are what we now have to integrate into our own being. And that takes some doing. And it's partly up to us. The language of Paul is “put off the old person and put on the new person.” He uses the word *mortification*.

Romans 8:13 & Colossian 3:5

“Mortify the deeds of your flesh.”

Like a home mortgage you kill off by degrees.

And there is a process...

[11:17-12:50]





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IV. Becoming Disciples of Jesus

And this is the process...

I'm going to learn from him how to lead my life in the Kingdom of God as he would lead my life if He were I.

Matthew 28:18, "As you go, make disciples of all nations."

How would you know if you were a disciple?

And how would you know if you had made a disciple?

[video 5 @ 12:50 - 16:25]

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Finding the Kingdom in word and deed, in everything we do -

Colossians 3:17 - "Integrating actions with reality."

[video 4 @ 37:58 & 42:22]

IV. Becoming Disciples of Jesus (continued)

And this is not a matter of doing religious things.

Sometimes we can focus our efforts on religious things and have awful turmoil going on emotionally, and in other aspects of our lives, and never bring those two together.

God is interested in our failures. Bring that before the Cross and mercy of Jesus and His Father, and we invite Him to take over there. That's discipleship.

A Webster viewpoint, *"The unshepherded parts of our heart."*

[3A, video 5 16:25-19:23]



"Jesus offers Himself as God's doorway into the life that is truly life. Confidence in Him leads us today to become His apprentices in eternal living. Does Jesus only enable me to 'make the cut' when I die? It is good to know that when I die all will be well, but is there any good news for life?"

"Jesus' enduring relevance is based on His historically proven ability to speak to, to heal and empower the individual human condition. He matters because of what He brought and what He still brings to ordinary human beings, living their ordinary lives, and coping daily with their surroundings. He promises wholeness for their lives. In sharing our weakness He gives us strength and imparts through His companionship a life that has the quality of eternity. He comes where we are, and He brings us the life we hunger for."



Session 4 - Apprentices of Jesus

V. Jesus Teaching the Kingdom

Two Main Questions - The Sermon on the Mount

Q1 — Who is really well off?¹ [Course session 5]

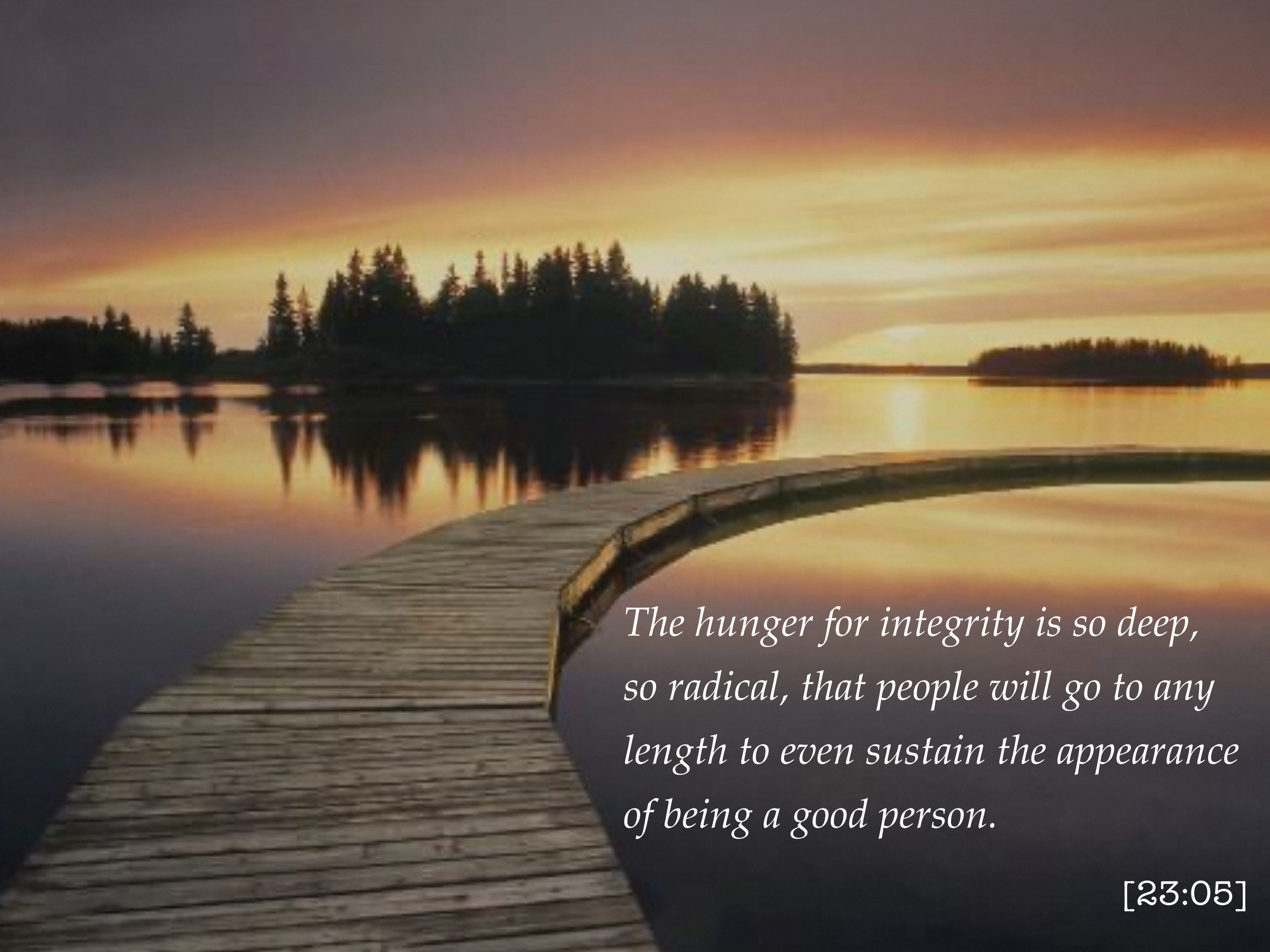
A - Being alive in the Kingdom.

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added.” Matthew 6:33

Q2 — Who is a truly good person?² [Course session 6]

“Righteousness exceeding scribes and Pharisees...” Matthew 5:20

[Footnotes: 1 @ 20:15 2 @ 23:20]

A serene sunset scene over a calm lake. In the foreground, a wooden pier with a low railing curves from the bottom left towards the center. The water is still, reflecting the warm orange and yellow hues of the sky and the dark silhouettes of the trees on the island in the background. The sky is filled with soft, horizontal clouds, and the sun is partially visible on the horizon to the right.

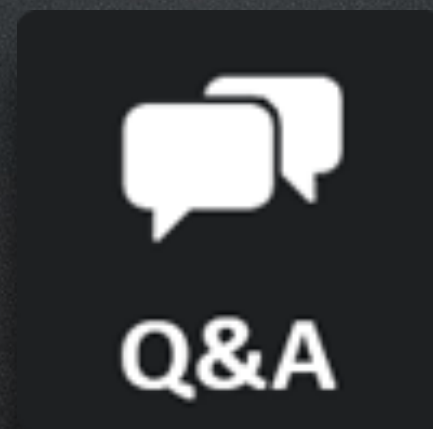
*The hunger for integrity is so deep,
so radical, that people will go to any
length to even sustain the appearance
of being a good person.*

[23:05]

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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





Meditation: Romans 8:28

Application

VISION - How would I describe God's Kingdom to a friend?

INTENTION - Do I really want to learn from Jesus how to lead my life? Am I ready to "turn my Kingdom over to the Lord"?

MEANS - What area of my flesh needs mortification work?

and "representation" of Jesus.



† Cross Fit

Summary of Session 4

If I have heard the right gospel message of the Kingdom of the heavens, I am ready for discipleship - to learn from Jesus how to lead my life in the Kingdom of God as he would lead my life if He were I.



More Dallas teaching to complement Session 4

† *The Divine Conspiracy*

“How to Be & Become a Disciple”, Chapter 8, p. 281-291

"Become a Disciple", Chapter 8, p. 291-299

† Videos

[Discipleship at Work](#)

[The Divine Conspiracy lecture #5 - 24:25-38:05](#)



Next Week — Session 5

Who is Really Well Off? The Beatitudes 3B

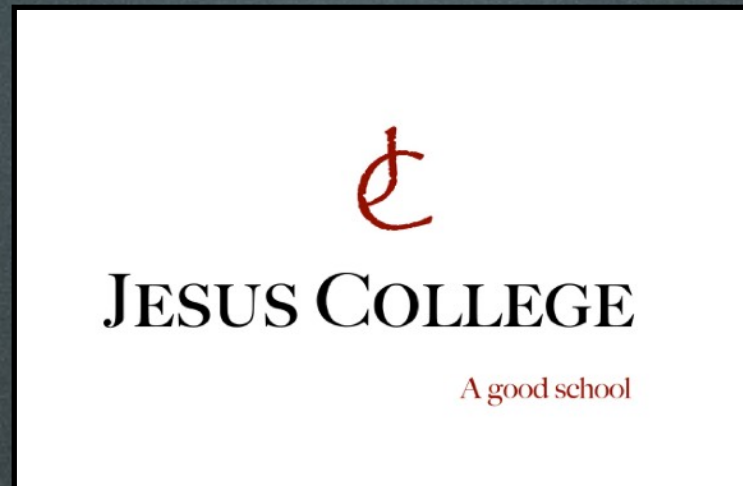
Video 6 [23:51]

- † The Beatitudes & the “Woe Be’s”
- † The Genius Teacher Jesus Christ
- † The Purpose & Meaning of the Beatitudes —
The Good Life

You can decide if you want to be a disciple and make disciples in your next 10,000 minutes. As an apprentice of Jesus in the Kingdom among us, you don't do it alone but it won't happen without you.

Doug





Apprentice to Master Love — //Nouns
“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”

Apprentice to Master Love — //Verbs
“Training to be proficient in willing the good”

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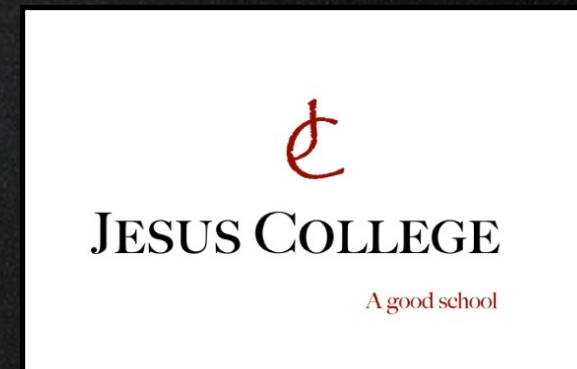
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