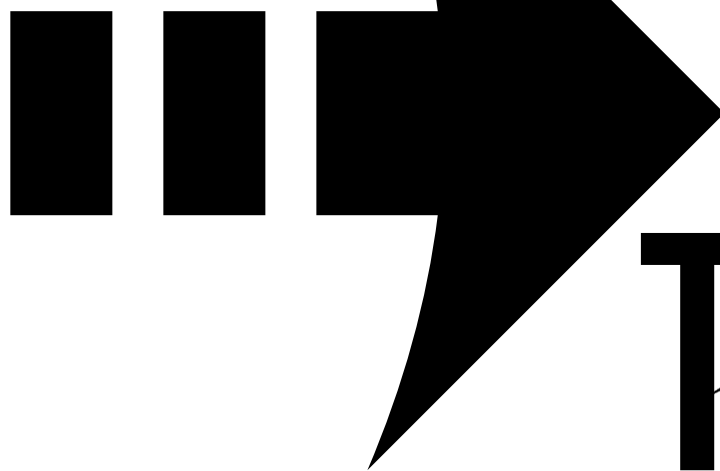


FROM / TO

FROM AMERICANIZED JESUS TO KING JESUS



FROM



SESSION ONE

From/To is a simple tool to reveal who Jesus is calling us to be. For example, through Jesus we are lead *from* death *to* life, *from* darkness *to* light. So we want to move...**FROM AMERICANIZED JESUS TO KING JESUS!** We live in an amazing nation and should be grateful to live here, however our culture has distorted the true Jesus in many ways. The following “from’s” describe a generalized Americanized Jesus and the list of “to’s” describe King Jesus.

FROM Bless Me More (greed)
TO Honor Him More

FROM Answer Me Now (impatience)
TO Trust Him Now

FROM Provide Me With (entitlement)
TO Thank Him For

FROM Give Me Credit (self-worship)
TO Give Him Praise

FROM Feed Me More (consumerism)
TO Enjoy Him More

FROM Make Me Happy (misplaced purpose)
TO Make Him Pleased

FROM Tell Me When (demanding)
TO Hear Him When

FROM Fix Me Now (immediate gratification)
TO Love Him Always

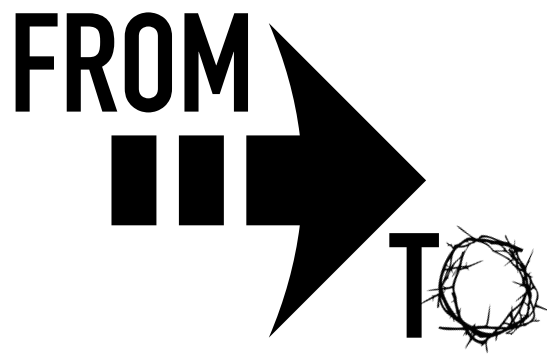
FROM Make Me Great (pride)
TO Serve Him Humbly

FROM Let Me First (individualism)
TO Make Him First

FROM Attend My Church (non-missional)
TO Be His Church

FROM Hold My Beliefs (intellectualize)
TO Practice His Ways

SESSION ONE CONT'D



QUESTIONS

1. In what ways have you experienced the list of “from’s” as a common way our culture relates or understands God/Jesus?
2. In your opinion what are 2-3 of the biggest ways our culture as distorted (perhaps unintentionally) the true Jesus?
3. What are three From/To’s that stand out as important areas for your personal growth to go from --> to?

The Americanized Jesus is generally about wanting from God. God answer my prayer, bless me more, give me happiness and succes, fix me when I need you, let me do what I want, provide me with a better job, and on and on. Some of the Americanized Jesus descriptors aren’t bad things — for example God can bless abundantly, God can answer instantly, God can certainly bring happiness, but if the majority of our life with God relates in this way we will miss the true message and call from KING JESUS.

4. Choose 1 “From/To,” that you will commit to work on changing the way you think about it in your every day life.

Which one are you choosing?

SESSION TWO

SCRIPTURE: John 17:16+18. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it... As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

FROM AMERICANIZED JESUS
TO KING JESUS.

QUESTIONS

1. How has your focus on one “From/To” gone since our last meeting? Were you able to stay intentionally focused on who you want **TO** be?
2. John 17:16+18 speaks to our relationship with the world. As people who are citizens of the Kingdom of God, therefore we should not act as subjects of the kingdoms of the world. However we are **sent into the world** as Jesus was. What does it mean to live as a sent person?
3. You are not of this world, but you are sent into it. We must move from people who say, “*answer me now God,*” to people who shout, “*send me now God!*” What is the most difficult thing about living with that sort of focus and purpose in our American culture?
4. What influences in your life are causing you to drift toward Americanized Jesus culture?
5. What changes, new influences, rhythms, or patterns do you need to start growing the King Jesus culture for you personally and as an agent of God sent into the world.