

Saving Faith > Sign Faith

John 2:23-25

*Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. **But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them**, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.*

HOW TO BECOME SOMEONE JESUS ENTRUST HIMSELF TO:

1. BE REAL

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2. HAVE GENUINE FAITH

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- "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." — John 20:29
- Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him... — 1 Peter 1:8-9
- **Reflection Question:** Can you still believe in Jesus when it's not convenient? Can you still trust in Him when it's not trendy? When it's hard? When it's costly? When it's uncomfortable? When it's dangerous? When it's trying?

3. PRACTICE REPENTANCE

- "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." — Matthew 3:8

4. BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

- "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit." — Ephesians 5:18

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

Saving faith moves us from being impressed by Jesus to being transformed by Jesus.

Jesus isn't looking for people who are merely impressed by His signs, but people who will entrust themselves to Him and become people He can entrust Himself to.

Charge Groups

WHY WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

💡 **Facilitator:** Remind the group of why we gather (To experience the presence of God & the building-up of one -another)

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. - Hebrews 10:24-25

ENCOURAGE THE GROUP

💡 **Facilitator:** Spend some time encouraging the group. Use this icebreaker question to laugh, enjoy one-another and look for opportunities to encourage. You can also begin by simply sharing one-high and/or one-low of the week.

Icebreaker: What is something you were really excited about at first, but eventually realized you had only been impressed by it—not truly committed to it?

PRAYER & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

💡 **Facilitator:** Open the discussion time by sharing the purpose of Sunday's message OR share your most memorable part of the message. Spend time reading the scriptures on page 1 & discussing.

1. John 2 says many people “believed” because they saw Jesus’ signs, yet Jesus did not entrust Himself to them. What do you think is the difference between being impressed by Jesus and being transformed by Jesus?
2. Pastor Heiden challenged us to ask whether we can still trust Jesus when faith is hard, costly, uncomfortable, inconvenient, or unpopular. Where is your faith being tested right now? What would it look like to genuinely trust Jesus in that situation?
3. Jesus knows “what is in man.” Where are you most tempted to perform Christianity rather than genuinely follow Jesus? What would being more honest and real with God—and with others—look like?
4. Saving faith produces a changed life. Is there an area where the Holy Spirit is showing you that repentance needs to lead to a change in your actions, attitudes, or habits? What is one step of obedience you can take? How are you practicing Repentance?
5. If saving faith moves us from being impressed by Jesus to being transformed by Jesus, what evidence of transformation do you see in your life? Where do you most want Jesus to continue transforming you?

NEXT STEPS

💡 **Facilitator:** Encourage each other to take next steps based on the discussion. If something specific comes up, support one another in moving forward. Before ending, spend time praying for one another, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. You may feel led to pray for a specific person or situation. If there's a practical next step, like baptism or joining the family, encourage each other to follow through.