

# Series Summary: The Ways of Jesus

This series invites the congregation to embrace a year-long journey of growth in "The Ways of Jesus." Rooted in John 14:6, Matthew 28:19-20, and John 14:15, the series will guide believers through the principles and practices of a committed Christian life, centered on worship, growth, connection, service, and sharing. Each week, members are encouraged to deepen their commitment to following Jesus through these core aspects.

### **Weekly Themes and Key Messages:**

#### 1. The Way of New Beginnings

This first step addresses the foundational aspects of Christian faith: believing in Jesus (John 5:24-25), repentance (Mark 1:15), and being "born again" (John 3:7). The message will clarify how these actions mark the start of a relationship with Jesus, inviting individuals to realign their lives with God and experience transformative change.

### 2. The Way of an Apprentice

With a focus on Matthew 4:19 and John 14:15, this week explores what it means to follow Jesus as a disciple. Dallas Willard's insights on discipleship underscore the benefits of obedience and the spiritual cost of "non-discipleship." The message emphasizes that following Jesus is about liberation and empowerment, not burden, encouraging believers to walk closely with Christ.

### 3. The Way of Celebration & Remembrance

Highlighting the sacraments of baptism (Matthew 28:19-20) and communion (Matthew 26:26-27), this week discusses how these practices serve as public declarations of faith and personal moments of connection with Christ. Baptism symbolizes new life, while communion is a sacred reminder of Jesus' love and continuing presence in our lives.

### 4. The Way of Empowerment

This final theme delves into the role of the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus (John 20:21-22), empowering believers to live out their faith with courage and purpose. Through scriptures on the Holy Spirit's indwelling power (Acts 1:8, John 14:16-21), this message reminds the congregation that God's Spirit is active within them, guiding and equipping them for a life in Christ.

### **Key Goals:**

This series aims to foster an authentic, action-oriented faith journey. Through each theme,

participants are encouraged to not only learn "The Ways of Jesus" but also to embody and apply these teachings in their daily lives.

## Series Description:

This Series Description is written to help church members understand the focus and purpose of the series.

This year we are going on a year-long journey where we unpack what it means to live in the ways of Jesus. Jesus walked in our shoes and showed us the way to flourish as human beings in every area of our lives. This January, we start our adventure in The Ways of Jesus by exploring some foundational aspects of what it looks like to follow him and obey his ways. Following Jesus is a walk of grace and done best in community with others. Join us in this spiritually transformative experience as we learn his ways and live them out.

#### Series Assets:

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## Week 1 - An Introduction and Invitation

# Description

This week, we're kicking off a new series called *The Ways of Jesus*, where we'll explore how Jesus' way of life offers us purpose, connection, and joy. Imagine discovering a whole new way to live that's full of meaning and peace—a way that's good for your soul! We'll dive into what it means to live with Jesus at the center, how it shapes us from the inside out, and why it's the path to real fulfillment. So,

if you're looking for a fresh start or just want to explore how following Jesus can truly change things, this is a great week to jump in. And don't worry—we'll have a laugh or two along the way!

### YouTube

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# Week 2 - The Way of New Beginnings

### Description

This week, we're diving into The Way of New Beginnings, part of our Ways of Jesus series. If you've ever wished for a fresh start or felt like you needed a spiritual reset, this message is for you. We'll explore how Jesus gives us a new beginning by showing us the way to repentance, belief, and a transformed life—what it means to be "born again." Jesus offers us the ultimate reset button, one that brings real freedom, purpose, and peace. So come with an open heart, ready to take a half-turn back to God, and discover how a new life with Jesus can be the best beginning yet!

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### Week 3:

## Description

In Week 3 of *The Ways of Jesus* series, titled "The Way of an Apprentice," we explore Jesus' invitation to "Follow Me," where He calls us not only to learn but to live and share His teachings. Discipleship, like an apprenticeship, requires a commitment to transformation—starting with knowing and following Jesus, letting Him change us, and committing to His mission. Through this journey, we are shaped into people who reflect Jesus in both heart and action, bringing His love and the Kingdom of God into the world.

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### Week 4:

## Description

Join us as we continue our series The Ways of Jesus, titled "The Way of Celebration and Remembrance," we delve into the importance of communal celebrations like Communion and Baptism as ways to remember and honor Jesus' sacrifice. Communion serves as an ongoing celebration where we reflect on Jesus' past sacrifice, anticipate His return, and examine our own hearts. Baptism, meanwhile, is a one-time initiation that symbolizes our union with Christ and our joining of a spiritual family, unified across all believers. These acts invite believers into a deeper, communal expression of faith, celebrating God's love and the eternal hope we have in Jesus.

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### Week 5:

## Description

This week's message, The Way of Empowerment, is all about tapping into a source of strength beyond ourselves! We all know what it feels like to hit that "zone"—whether in sports, the arts, or solving a complex problem at work. But what if we could experience something even deeper? Jesus invites us into a life empowered by the Holy Spirit, guiding us in ways we may not expect but can trust completely. This week, we'll explore what it means to walk in that Spirit-led empowerment, find clarity in our purpose, and live courageously. Join us as we uncover how this divine energy fuels our lives and leads us down the right path.

### YouTube

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