

2022 Grace Mosaic Fall Retreat Recap

“Getting Back To Jesus”

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1. Session One: “An Invitation to Follow”

1. Content

1. Introduction: *“In times of confusion and disorientation, theology becomes simple”*
2. An Invitation
 1. (a) Intimacy
 2. (b) Adventure
 1. *“Are you covered in the dust of your Rabbi?”*
 3. (c) Apprenticeship
3. Who Jesus Invites
4. Response
 1. *“What are the nets that you need to lay down?”*
 2. *“What would you do if you weren’t afraid?”*
5. Power

2. Practices

1. Knowing Jesus not just knowing about Jesus
2. Practicing the Presence
3. Defining your “Sent-ness”
 1. Name names
 2. *What do you say “no” to and “yes” to?*
4. Daily Prayer of Examen
 1. *“Where were you working with Jesus?”*
 2. *“Where were you resisting Jesus?”*
 3. *“Where is Jesus sending you tomorrow?”*

2. Session Two: “Rediscovering the Spiritual Significance of Meals”

1. Content

1. Meaning of Meals



1. “Meals are the primary technology of the Kingdom”
 2. “What if Christians were known as the best party-throwers?”
2. Meals of Jesus
 1. “Is my guest list looking like Jesus’ guest list?”
 3. The Banquet of God

2. Practices

1. Tithing your Meals
2. GMO: Embracing the feasts of the church not as frivolous parties but as signposts to the Kingdom.

3. Session Three: “Sent As Salt and Light”

1. Content

1. The Assumptions
 1. “Help us to be joyfully different”
 2. MLK: “Transformed Non-Conformists,” sermon on Romans 12.
2. What does it mean?
 1. To follow Jesus means that you function as a preservation in society—to work against social decay.
 2. Christians are meant to go to the places of wounds in society —there is an initial sting.
 3. Salt as a seasoning: drawing out the flavors that are already there.
 4. Light as a guide to the true way and a warmth from the cold.
3. How does it work?
 1. Salt has to *leave* its container and dissolve, placing itself right in the middle of the places of darkness.
 2. Jesus himself was *THE* salt and light sent into the place of decay and darkness, dissolved and snuffed out.

2. Practices

1. Practice the presence
2. Embrace the marginalized church across the globe and throughout time
3. Read the Gospels

