

# TALKING POINTS

## I SPEAK JESUS - IN SYNC

### LEANING IN

If we follow Jesus, we should begin to sound like him. Sounding like Jesus is not just quoting scripture. There are plenty of people who do that all the time and turn people away, not draw them.

Speaking Jesus means we live out His words in a loving context - our words, lifestyle and motives are all in sync with Him. Two things about Jesus - first, He drew people who were far from God, and second, religious people hated that He did!

Read Luke 15:1-7

If "speaking Jesus" isn't quoting scripture, what would be a good example of what it is?

### LIVING IT OUT

So, if "speaking Jesus" is about our lives, actions and intentions, here are six guides can we draw from Jesus' life:

**Jesus Genuinely Loves People Who Everyone Else Hates** - Jesus sought out people who were despised by the culture at large and He asked them to follow Him. Background, behavior and beliefs didn't matter. Jesus called them *all*.

Read Matthew 9:9-13

If Jesus were calling out disciples today (Which He is), who would be *today's* Matthew?

**Jesus Was Intentional In His Relationships** - Jesus didn't see people as projects to be won, but people to be loved.

Read Matthew 9:35-36

How can we love others better, as opposed to seeing them as people we must convince?

**Jesus Doesn't Put Standards On Outsiders** - Jesus didn't expect those without the Holy Spirit to act as if they had Him.

Read John 4:6-26

How can we avoid placing unfair expectations on those we know outside the faith?

**See Your Love As An Act Of Worship** - love is the heart of our relationship with God *and others*.

Read Matthew 25:40, Mark 12:28-31

Why is it so easy to remember commandments, and forget love?

**Jesus Saw Everyone Through The Cross** - Jesus gave His life for us *and our enemies*. We can't forget that.

Read Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 5:7-8

How do we practice seeing others through the prism of the cross?

**Jesus Desired To Be With Sinners** - Jesus didn't avoid the "notorious" sinners of the world, He went to them.

Read Mark 2:13-17

Are there people in our lives we may be avoiding whom we should really reach out to instead?