

## Why people do not follow Jesus – Just not for me

### 2025 summer series

“Why it is that people do not follow Jesus”

A heart for people to know Jesus

... how can we better respond, when people tell us that following Jesus is simply not for them?

1) Do not defend or attack

2) Ask questions

... try and ask them what they mean?

... plenty of different ways people could respond

3) What does the bible say?

... from the start of the bible you get a clear understanding that God is not for a particular group of people exclusively.

... covenant with Abraham ... bless the whole world.

... sent them to all nation to make disciples of all the nations.

... Matthew 28:16-20

*Acts 17:24ff, “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.”*

Every human that has ever existed has the problem of sin separating them from God. Romans 3:10-12, “There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”

Hebrews 9:27 ... humanity is “destined to die once and after that to face judgement”

Acts 4:11-12 “<sup>11</sup> Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

**John 3:36, only Jesus can save us from our sins**

**“<sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”**

**If you want to be in heaven, WE ALL NEED JESUS.**

**For us today**

**Pray**

**“speak to God about people BEFORE you speak to people about God.”**

**Love**

**People are not conversations, they are people, that God loves ... and we should love them as well.**

**Your context affects your response**

**... their refusal or unwillingness to discuss their need for Jesus today does not mean they might be more open to discussing Jesus later.**

**Admit failings**

**... we are walking examples of why we need Jesus**

**Keep loving**

**... keep loving them even if they keep feeling Jesus is not for them.**