

# PART VI: Jesus In Revelations

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## LAS WEEK'S PRACTICE.

Last week's practice was to stick with your plan for a relationship with Jesus, with the changes you made last week

- How did it go with the plan you made?
- What has been the most difficult thing to be able to carry out the plan?
- What could you do or change to make this week a little better?
- Would anyone like to share something about the practice to encourage the group?

## SUMMARY.

One of the possibilities why the apostle John was the one who wrote the book of Revelations, is because of his closeness to Jesus. The Bible shows us that John always wanted to be close to Jesus and He never stopped him. Jesus and John had a close and trusting relationship and that is why God entrusted him with his secret of his final will for humanity. And that should be our goal: To be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did.

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you (or got your attention) about Sunday's teaching?

## Psalms 25:14

- Why do you think God only reveals his secrets to his closest friends?
- Being honest but without judging, do you consider yourself a close friend of Jesus? Why or why not?
- Who has a close friend?
  - How would you describe your relationship with that friend
  - How is your relationship with that friend similar and not similar to your relationship with Jesus?

## PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY.

Most of us have one or two friends we are close to who we tell about the good, bad, and ugly in our lives. And that relationship has required effort, intentionality, and sacrifice. Many of us would like God to speak to us, answer our prayers, show us his will, respond to the difficult situations in our lives, tell us his plans, give us peace, among many other things. But the harsh reality is that we have never made any effort, we have not been intentional, and we have not made sacrifices. And we are asking God to do something with us that we ourselves would not do with anyone.

The invitation of today's practice is that you continue to re-organize your life to be a close friend of Jesus. And identify one or two things that you would like God to reveal to you, and let that be motivations to continue

growing in your intentionality when it comes to being with Jesus.

### **First**

- Be as honest as possible and take a couple of minutes to write below if you think you have been intentional in your relationship with Jesus and why you think so. Be as honest as possible

### **Second**

- Now write 1-3 things that you would like God to show you
  - What is the purpose he has with you, response to a request, to show you something specific, why he let something happen, why he is letting something happen, etc

### **Third**

- Now describe below what your relationship with your closest friend is like
  - What do you do, how often do you talk, how do you feel around them, etc.

### **Fourth**

- Now write down 1 or 2 things you do with your closest friend that you could do with Jesus
  - Talk every day, write letters, have weekly dates, invite him to coffee, exercise together, etc.

## **Fifth**

- Begin to see your relationship with Jesus through your relationship with the person closest to you. Like any relationship, there are good and bad moments, moments that feel close and moments that feel far away. It requires effort and sacrifice, it requires putting both parties together. Think of Jesus, not as an idea or a concept, but as a relationship with a person that needs to be built

## **THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE**

Now you have an action plan, which is what we did for the last two weeks, and you also have one or two things that you do with your closest friend. The practice is to combine those two things this week to grow in your relationship and closeness with Jesus

- Remember, it's not about perfection, it's about practice

## **Before finishing**

Two people who want to share the plan of the last two weeks, plus what you would like to do with Jesus that you normally do with your closest friend