

# JESUS FOR EVERYONE

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



## SERMON NOTES

May 17, 2026

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

Jesus for Everyone: "What is a Christ follower?"

### [Luke 6]

Chosen by Jesus, we \_\_\_\_\_ His way \_\_\_\_\_.

[Luke 6:9-16]

### What is a Christ follower?

- A Christ follower \_\_\_\_\_, leads towards \_\_\_\_\_, and deals \_\_\_\_\_.  
[Luke 6:17-19]
- A Christ follower is filled with \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.  
[Luke 6:20-26]
- A Christ follower breaks the cycle of \_\_\_\_\_ with His love.  
[Luke 6:27-36]
- A Christ follower chooses \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over judgment.  
[Luke 6:37-38]
- A Christ follower recognizes that \_\_\_\_\_ begins with "me".  
[Luke 6:39-42]
- A Christ follower lets the Spirit change them from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
[Luke 6:43-45; Romans 8]
- A Christ follower \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, their foundation and future.  
[Luke 6:46-49]

### Next Step Questions:

- What has God revealed to you today through His word?
- Will you trust and obey what He is showing you?

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## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

### How is God at work in and around your life?

- What stood out to you most from this sermon? Was there a particular point that challenged or encouraged you?

### Being Chosen and Choosing (Luke 6:9-16)

- The sermon says, "Chosen by Jesus, we choose His way over ours." What does it mean practically to choose Jesus' way over your own in daily life?

### Joy vs. Worldly Happiness (Luke 6:20-26)

- What's the difference between being "filled with Jesus' joy" versus seeking happiness from the world?

### Breaking Cycles with Love (Luke 6:27-36)

- The sermon highlighted Mary Johnson's story of forgiving her son's murderer. What made her forgiveness possible when it seemed humanly impossible?
- Where in your life do you see broken relationship cycles that need Jesus' love to break the cycle and heal them?

### Forgiveness and Generosity (Luke 6:37-38)

- Why is it so difficult to choose forgiveness over judgment? What fears or beliefs hold us back?
- How are you living a life of generosity? Consider watching this 15 minute video from Pastor Brian on what the Bible teaches about giving: [www.pathwayvb.com/givingmatters](http://www.pathwayvb.com/givingmatters)

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## **Change Begins with Me (Luke 6:39-42)**

- Jesus talks about removing the plank from our own eye before addressing the speck in someone else's. What's one area where God is calling you to personal change before trying to change others?

## **Inside-Out Transformation (Luke 6:43-45)**

- The sermon emphasizes letting the Spirit change us "from the inside out." How can you tell if fruit in your life is coming from the Spirit or from your own effort?

## **Building on the Right Foundation (Luke 6:46-49)**

- What costs come with building your life deeply on Christ's teachings, and where are you tempted to cut corners?

## **Application Questions**

- Of the seven characteristics of a Christ follower listed in this sermon, which one is God highlighting for you right now? What's one specific step you can take this week?

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## GIVING UPDATE May 3 – May 9, 2026

### General Operating

- Weekly Goal: \$33,000
- Weekly Received: \$32,285
- Weekly Over (Under) Goal: (\$715)
- Weekly Percentage: 2.2%

### General Operating

- YTD Goal: \$675,000
- YTD Received: \$675,618
- TD Over (Under) Goal: (\$4,382)
- YTD Percentage: 0.6%

### Revenue

*Including other income  
through April 2026*

- YTD Net: (\$6,292)
- YTD Percentage: 15.1%

### Missions

- YTD Amount: \$109,946
- YTD Percentage of General Giving: 17.4%

### CONNECT

Total Worship  
Attendance: 1,229  
Online: 97  
In-Person Sun: 746  
Kids: 164  
Students: 222

### GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 57  
Discipleship Groups: 205  
Salvations (YTD): 55

### SERVE

People at Food Pantry: 62  
Weekly Volunteers: 99