

Theme Sunday: Revealing Jesus
Various Passages
 Pastor Eric Yee

Let's reveal Jesus with our lives and words as individual Christians and the local church.

I. Revealing Jesus with our lives

A. As individual Christians

Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Two questions to ask about revealing Jesus in your work:

1. Where do I see brokenness, frustration, and hopelessness in my work?
2. How might God be calling me to participate in bringing healing and renewal to these areas in my work?

B. As the local church

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe^[d] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

How can we reveal Jesus together as a local church?

1. Become a member of a church and gather regularly with your church.
2. Know who the other members of the church are by praying through the membership directory.
3. Personally sacrifice your comforts, preferences, resources, and time.
4. Invite your non-Christian friends to church gatherings and invite church members to hangouts with your non-Christian friends.

II. Revealing Jesus with our words

A. Inside the church

Luke 6:45 (ESV)

⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Revelation 2:1-2a (ESV)

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² "I know your works..."

Revelation 2:2-3 (ESV)

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

Revelation 2:24-7 (ESV)

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

How do we receive “the truth in love” spoken to us?

1. We agree with God’s *judgment* of us.
2. We agree with God’s *justification* of us.

B. Outside the church**Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)**

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? ¹⁵ And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

How can we reveal Jesus with our words outside the church?

1. Identify yourself as a follower of Christ.
2. Pray that God would open doors to move from the surface, to the serious, to the spiritual.
3. Be prepared to give an answer for your hope.

Life Application

Fast and pray for the church-wide prayer topics related to “Revealing Jesus” during the One Desire Fast (bit.ly/ODF23prayers)