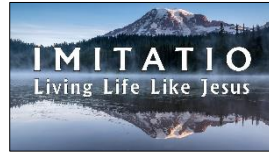


## The Word-Centered Life

Matthew 9:35-38

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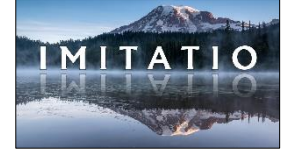


## NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion\*



- If asked by someone unfamiliar with Jesus and the Christian faith, how would you respond if asked to explain “the gospel”?
- Read Matthew 9:35-38. What priorities of Jesus’ life and ministry does Matthew summarize here? What might this have looked like in his daily practice and interactions with people?
- How does Jesus connect his own life and ministry with his expectations of his followers?
- Read John 1:1-2, 14. What is the meaning and significance of calling Jesus “the Word”? What is John revealing about Jesus’ identity and mission?
- What is the relationship between Jesus, the Living Word of God, to Holy Scripture, the written word of God (see also Mt. 5:17-19; Lk. 24:27; Jn. 5:39-40; 2 Tim. 3:14-17)?
- What role has the Bible played in your spiritual journey?
- How can we hear God speak through Scripture today? What helps you to do so?
- How has the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ influenced your life?
- How can Christians in our community follow Jesus’ example of “proclaiming the good news”? How can our congregation do this more faithfully and consistently?
- What is one way this week you might follow Jesus’ example of a Word-centered life? What is a spiritual practice with which you can experiment? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.