

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 03-24-2019

Jesus always finds a better way. Forget what you think you know about him. Let's get to know the real Jesus.
<http://bible.com/events/588796>
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What Do Americans Believe About Jesus? 5 Popular Beliefs - Barna Group
What do Americans believe about Jesus? Who do they say he is? Here are five popular American perceptions of Jesus, based on recent Barna Group research.1. The Vast Majority of Americans Believe Jesus Was a Real Person (92%)2. Younger Generations Are Increasingly Less Likely to Believe Jesus Was God (ranges from 48% to 62%)3. Americans Are Divided on Whether Jesus Was Sinless (46% say yes while 52% say no)4. Most Americans Say They Have Made a Commitment to Jesus Christ (62%)5. People Are Conflicted between "Jesus" and "Good Deeds" as the Way to Heaven
<https://www.barna.com/research/what-do-americans-believe-about-jesus-5-popular-beliefs/>

We have a perception problem. We do not see people from Jesus's point of view.

We put some ideas and behaviors into boxes called sacred,
biblical,
at church,
and God's Day.
At the same time, we put other thoughts and actions into boxes we name
secular,
unbiblical,
not at church,
and my time.

Then we put them into boxes like believers or unbelievers,
good or bad,
us or them,
Protestant or Catholic,
Wesleyan or Baptist,
and righteous or sinful.

Once you think your good choices make you good people then you'll look down on those who don't make the same good choices.

The problem with thinking Jesus is like you is that you begin to see everyone not like you as anti-Jesus.

There is, by the way, one surefire way to know if you're more focused on yourself than on others - self-protection.

We have a perception problem that permeates everything from our perspective of who Jesus is, as well as how we look at other people.

What does it look like when the Holy Spirit fills a person until they see others like Jesus sees them?

Mark 2:13-17 NIV

13</small> Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.

14</small> As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

15</small> While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

16</small> When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

17</small> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.2.13-17.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

When the Holy Spirit in us touches other desecrated ones through us, they become sacred again too.

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Here's the phone number for the mission. Call them tomorrow and ask to talk to the person in charge of volunteers.