

Who are you?

When did Jesus become REAL to you?

*How is Scripture/the Bible REAL to you?
Important verses?*

*Tell us one thing that has had a
significant impact upon your spiritual
formation/journey*

*What is something that is important to
you at this stage of your life
(as a disciple of Jesus)?*

Five years ago I came to believe in Christ's teaching and my life suddenly changed. I ceased to desire what I had previously desired, and began to desire what formerly I did not want. What had previously seemed to me good seemed evil, and what had seemed evil, seemed good.

It happened to me as it happens to a person who goes out on some business and on the way decided that the business is unnecessary and returns home.

All that was on his right is now on his left, and all that was on his left is now on his right.”

- Leo Tolstoy

From 2nd Corinthians chapter 5

“Therefore, IF anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATION; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.”



CHURCH IN A CIRCLE

- ✓ Christ is the centre.
- ✓ Worship and Scripture are an important part of how we gather together
- ✓ The Holy Spirit is at work and authentic dialogue and conversation help us to be active participants in our lives and in the lives of others
- ✓ Circle church builds community around Jesus

John 15: 1-15

The Vine and the Branches

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.