

COME TO THE TABLE

Session 3:
Honest

WHY CHARACTER MATTERS

- Societal moment
- Formed to continue unifying under the ascended King Jesus and no other
- Gratitude for leaders who (imperfectly) strive to exemplify the character of Jesus
- Character of the leader is how we discern if they can be followed

OVERVIEW

- 8 characteristics of Jesus that are important to discern and exemplify in this moment
- Jesus shows us how to be at the same time...
 1. Gentle and lowly
 2. Honest
 3. Relational
 4. Meek
 5. Authority
 6. Submissive
 7. Patient
 8. Tolerant

TO FOLLOW...

Is to align to the vision & strategy of the leader.

Is to align to the character of the leader.

Is to detach from any vision & strategy & character that are not aligned to your leader.

Is to align with those who accompany us in the vision & strategy & character of the leader.

TRAPS FOR FOLLOWERS

- Believe anyone who promises the absence of discomfort, danger, and disaster in this world
- Listen to only those who tell us what we want to hear
- Become naïve or cynical instead of discerning
- Trade integrity for influence

HONEST

Truly, truly; Verily, verily; Amen, amen...

- What is said is completely honest because the one saying it is completely trustworthy
- Jesus did everything that he has asks us to do
- He is everything that he asks us to be

HONEST

...I say to you

- Cooperative friends of Jesus (BP Todd Hunter)
 - Invites us into the Father's purpose and plans as friends and not as slaves – John 15:15

HONEST

Jesus practices relational vulnerability

- Distressed at Gethsemane
- Angry in the temple
- Mourns over Jerusalem
- Laments over the sheep
- Sad at Lazarus' grave
- Distraught at the disciples' ignorance

HONEST

Jesus tells us the hard truth

- The world will hate you
- Leave everything of the world to follow me
- Go and sin no more
- Take up your cross and follow me