**SERMON SERIES BIG IDEA DOCUMENT**

**Series Title:** Walking with Jesus

**Scripture:** Various Scriptures from Luke

**Series Big Idea:** Getting to know Jesus draws us to Him.

**Series Overview:**

The Gospel of Luke provides tremendous insight into the teaching, life, and miracles of Jesus. Reading the book almost feels as if we are walking right beside him during his ministry. It is indeed an up-close look. There are some people who you get to know, and they repel you. Others draw you in. Getting to know Jesus is the latter on steroids. The more we get to know him, the more we want to know him. Jesus is charismatic and magnetic. Walking with him is akin to a gravitational pull towards him and the desires he has for your life. The more we walk, the more we want. Hebrews 12:2 tells us that Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. In other words, our faith begins and ends with him. This series is about walking with that author and finisher. Let’s get to know him up close and see in what greater ways he can capture our hearts. With a church that has grown by 30% in the last year, we have so many people who are on the fringe with Jesus. They are interested but not captured. They are charmed but not changed. Let’s pray through this series that they will be drawn in to full surrender.

**My Thoughts:**

Why am I excited about this series?

I am excited for this series because it gives us a chance to dive into some familiar stories and teachings that have immense power. My hope for new people is that they will encounter Jesus for the first time. My hope for older Christians is that God will give them fresh eyes through these sermons.

Why should the church be excited about this series?

Our church should care about this series because it’s going to be a chance to pause and relationally connect with the Lord. We do so much about mission that it is good to pause and reflect on the one we are on mission for.

What would I say about this series if I was talking to an unbeliever?

If I was talking to an unbeliever, I would ask them how much they really know about Jesus himself. Many people have talking points about this or that, but have they gotten to know the man? I would challenge them to walk with us as we walk with Jesus. Come into his orbit and see where it takes you.

**What group of people in our culture could be most interested/drawn toward the content of this series?**

People who are interested but not captured, charmed but not changed.

**One-liners:**

* Walking with Jesus makes us want Jesus.
* People can be charmed but not changed.
* People can be captivated without being captured.
* Jesus has a gravitational pull.

**Creative Ideas:**

* Week 1: Corporate prayer time over the series
* Week 2: Christelle’s story video
* Week 3: Have a good resource available on Sabbath?
* Week 4: Do a prop with a basket of fruit/veggies
* Week 5: Call forward in service for anointing and praying for healing by elders
* Week 6: Who’s your one?
* Week 7: Send out from our sent ones
* Week 8: Give out a sticker or card for our bibles with a prayer acronym based on the Lord’s prayer
* Week 9: Emphasize giving; text to give

**Feel and Aesthetic:**

The feel of the series is warm. Imagine sitting around by the campfire at night after walking with Jesus all day. It’s the reflection and friendly analysis of what you just saw. Maybe Jesus healed someone, or interacted with an official, or rebuked a Pharisee, or told a parable, or preached a sermon…and now you are thinking about what it means for you.

I have an idea for the bumper. We could get my dad to record the chorus to “Just a closer walk with thee” and use that. I bet it’s the right length. I’m sure we would edit and stuff but that could be a cool vibe.

**Week 1**

* Date: June 19 + 22 (Big Day – Kids Week Conclusion)
* Preaching: Andrew
* Title: Tempted
* Scripture: Luke 4:1-13
* Big Idea: God’s Word is our weapon against temptation.

**Week 2**

* Date: June 26 + 29
* Preaching: Jonathan Yarboro
* Title: Authority and Power
* Scripture: Luke 4:31-37
* Big Idea: Jesus has power and authority over the demonic realm.

**Week 3**

* Date: July 3 + 6
* Preaching: Jason Azzarello
* Title: Lord of the Sabbath
* Scripture: Luke 6:1-11
* Big Idea: Jesus defines our theology.

**Week 4**

* Date: July 10 + 13
* Preaching: Guest Preacher
* Title: Good Fruit
* Scripture: Luke 6:43-45
* Big Idea: The gospel changes us from the inside out.

**Week 5**

* Date: July 17 + 20
* Preaching: Andrew
* Title: Healing Hands
* Scripture: Luke 8:40-56
* Big Idea: Jesus has a heart for healing.

**Week 6**

* Date: July 24 + 27
* Preaching: Andrew
* Title: The Transfiguration (Who’s Your One? Weekend)
* Scripture: Luke 9:28-36
* Big Idea: Jesus is the son of God.

**Week 7**

* Date: July 31 + August 03
* Preaching: Bryan Miller
* Title: Sent Out
* Scripture: Luke 10:1-12
* Big Idea: Jesus sends us out on his mission.

**Week 8**

* Date: August 7 + 10
* Preaching: Andrew
* Title: The Model Prayer
* Scripture: Luke 11:1-4
* Big Idea: Jesus taught us to pray.

**Week 9**

* Date: August 14 + 17
* Preaching: Andrew
* Title: Rich Towards God
* Scripture: Luke 12:13-21
* Big Idea: God’s Word is our weapon against temptation.