



## **PART 2: JESUS**

There are many reasons people miss or dismiss Jesus. But what if we could separate him from bad church experiences, secondary beliefs, life's pain, and misunderstandings? We could instead personally investigate who Jesus is, anchoring faith not in people or systems, but in the resurrection of Jesus the King.

### **CONNECT**

What's something you almost quit because of a bad experience?

In the full message, Andy describes five reasons we shouldn't miss Jesus, and this video focuses on three of them. Watch the full message sometime this week to hear all five.

### **LEARN**

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

### **APPLY**

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. If there was a season where you drifted away from faith, what caused the drift? What brought you back? What did you miss?
2. What have you seen or experienced that might cause someone to miss Jesus unnecessarily?
3. Have you, or someone you know, gone through circumstances or seasons in life when you were tempted to dismiss Jesus as a result? How does Jesus embracing "the full measure of life at its worst" impact the way you view trials in your life?
4. What's one small step you could take to guard against missing Jesus unnecessarily in life? What could this group do to help?



## **BEFORE NEXT TIME**

Identify one area where Jesus's invitation to "love as I have loved you" would make a noticeable difference this week. Write down a concrete action you'll take—one that goes beyond believing and moves toward following.

## **PRAY**

*Heavenly Father, help us see you clearly beyond our circumstances, beyond our disappointment, and beyond the failures of people. Give us wisdom to follow you, courage to love like you, and clarity to recognize where you are already at work in our lives. Amen.*