



PART 1: I DID, I DO, AND YOU DO TOO!

In the first century, Jesus declared that he would build his ekklesia on the reality that he is the Messiah. What began as a small movement ultimately transformed civilization itself.

What feels self-evident to many today was anything but in the first century. From the beginning, the movement of Jesus, the church, was designed for everyone.

CONNECT

What's something "trendy" you've participated in?

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 to further explore what you talked about today.

APPLY

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

1. If everything you learned from and experienced in church was suddenly erased, would you be better or worse off? Why?
2. Andy said, "You have been Christianized, whether you are a Christian or not."
 - Can you think of a place where Christianity has influenced—directly or indirectly—culture?
 - Why do you think concepts like human rights and equality feel so obvious to us today but weren't in ancient cultures?
3. What does it look like to "live above the letter of the law" in everyday life?
4. Where do you see opportunities to love others as Christ loved, not just as you'd like to be loved?



BEFORE NEXT TIME

This week, pay attention to moments where compassion, restraint, generosity, or empathy would be helpful but not required.

Ask yourself: What would it look like to follow Jesus's example instead of doing the minimum of what the law requires?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for what you're doing in our church, our communities, and our nation. We want to be part of the solution. And we know it starts with each of us as individuals. So give us wisdom to know what to do with what we just heard and give us the courage to embrace it. Amen.