

# DRAW NEAR

And Be Inspired  
Matthew 5:1-2; 7:28-29

Message: November 8, 2020

**Key thought:** You will be inspired to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ when you draw near and let His Words change your life.

## Discuss:

- What is one characteristic that you hope stands out most to others about yourself? What is one thing that stands out most to you about the person of Jesus?
- Read Matthew 7:28-29 & Mark 1:22. What specific things stood out about Jesus? How did people respond?
- In what specific ways can we prepare ourselves to properly engage the Bible and in worship? Would you say that you are willing to have God speak to you about anything and everything in your life right now? Explain.
- According to Sunday's message, we're all in different places in our spiritual conditions. We are either casual, curious, or committed. How would you describe the differences of these three places? Of these three, what would you say is your current spiritual condition?

## Apply:

- Read John 6:61-68. Sunday the Pastor read a quote "the teachings of Jesus are not simply meant to be admired but to be obeyed." What does it look like to be a follower of Jesus and not just a fan of Him? How do you see this today?
- How we receive and respond to God's Word directly impacts our level of devotion to Him. One of the ways that we receive and respond to the Word is conviction. How have you experienced this in your own life? How is God's discipline a good thing?
- Other ways that we receive and respond to God's Word is through comfort and confirmation. Read Psalm 119:49-56 & 2 Timothy 3:16. Would you agree or disagree that Jesus' goal is to make this life better? Explain.
- The final way that we receive and respond to God's Word is wholehearted commitment. Read Isaiah 6:8. We are meant to be a people who are raised up and sent out. Do you see this desire happening in your life right now? Explain. What is one area of your spiritual life that you need help and/or prayer to grow in?

## Together:

Pray for one another about the areas mentioned above. Pray that we would be a people who are inspired to a deeper commitment to Christ and that as we draw near, we would let His Words truly change our lives.

