

SERMON NOTE — “Jesus Is the Way to Follow”

Text: John 14:5–14 / Isaiah 30:21

1. The Crisis of Our Age: We Have Lost the Way

“We live in a society of Individualism and Consumerism.” “We are losing the way of Jesus while trying to do the work of Jesus.”

A. Why do we come to church?

- To worship God as God’s people?
- For social comfort?
- For personal control or desire?
- The church belongs to Jesus — not to us.
- If we are not interested in Jesus’ way, truth, and life, we miss the purpose of church.

B. The cultural forces deforming the church Individualism

- Replaces community with self-focus.
- Destroys pastoral and congregational imagination.
- Contradicts the Jesus Way.

Consumerism

- Turns the church into a marketplace.
- Makes Christians customers instead of disciples.
- Undermines sacrifice, compassion, and maturity.
- Trivializes the pastoral vocation.

Summary: Individualism isolates believers; consumerism commodifies faith. Together they **obliterate the Jesus Way** and produce a self-centered spirituality incapable of forming Christlike people.

2. The Confusion of Our Time: Information Without Transformation

“We live in a time when information is abundant... the name of Jesus is everywhere.”

- We have devotionals, podcasts, conferences, strategies, programs.
- We have more Christian resources than any generation in history.
- Yet abundance of information does not produce obedience.
- We talk about Jesus’ truth and Jesus’ life — but often skip Jesus’ way.

3. Jesus’ Invitation: Repent, Believe, Follow

“Jesus begins His ministry with three imperatives: repent, believe, and follow.”

“The Way that is Jesus cannot be reduced to information or instruction.”

Repent — turn from *our* way. **Believe** — trust *His* way. **Follow** — walk *in* His way.

Jesus does not hand us a map. **He gives us Himself.**

John 14:6 — “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

Not: a method/ a technique/ a strategy.

But: **a way of being/a way of living/a way of walking**

4. Eugene Peterson’s Warning: Losing the Way While Doing the Work

“We are losing the way of Jesus while trying to do the work of Jesus.”

- The Christian life is not merely believing the right things.
- It is not merely feeling the right things.
- It is **walking** in the way Jesus walked.
- A way shaped by Scripture, sacrifice, humility, and holy obedience.

5. The Way of Jesus: A Path We Walk

“Not as an idea, but as a path we walk with our feet, our hearts, our habits, and our lives.”

Luke 9:23 — “Take up your cross daily and follow Me.”

Isaiah 30:21 — “This is the way; walk in it.”

The Way of Jesus includes:

- Daily surrender
- Obedient listening
- Community over individualism
- Sacrifice over consumerism
- Formation over convenience
- Christlikeness over self-centeredness

6. Pastoral Exhortation

- The church exists because Jesus established it.
- We gather not for entertainment, comfort, or control — but to follow Jesus.
- The call today is not to more information, but to transformation.
- Not more Christian resources, but more Christlike lives.
- Not more programs, but more obedience.

7. Conclusion — Jesus Is the Way

- Jesus is not one option among many.
- Jesus is not a technique for spiritual improvement.
- Jesus is **the Way** — the path, the pattern, the life we walk.

Invitation: Turn from your way. Trust His way. Walk in His way. Let Jesus reshape your habits, desires, imagination, and community.