

GENIUS



Genius of Jesus June 5, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture: Various

Sermon Overview: Everybody is somebody's disciple. Consciously or subconsciously, we pattern our lives after someone. As Christ followers, we have made a conscientious decision to live like Jesus, pray like Jesus, forgive like Jesus, love like Jesus. We are His hands, His feet. We are His workmanship. We are the manifold wisdom of God. Simply put, you are the genius of Jesus.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. **Discover your unique genius:** Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. What are your perceived disadvantages or weaknesses? What are your strengths and gifts?
2. **Develop your unique genius:** We can learn to leverage our weaknesses by partnering with God to cultivate compensatory skills. What compensatory skills do you feel God might be cultivating in you?
3. **Deploy your unique genius:** In what ways could your disadvantages be viewed as opportunities for your good and the good of others?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Jesus did not leave us at offense, however. He also extended great grace and empathy to us. True wisdom had two sides. Read John 8:1-11. How have you experienced Jesus' grace

and empathy in your own life? Is there an area in your life where you can extend this same grace and empathy to others?

2. Our four-principles of peace-making are: (1) ask anything, (2) listen well, (3) disagree freely, and (4) love regardless. Consider a relationship in which you have disagreed with someone and that disagreement led to a breakdown in the relationship. Ask the Lord to help you reimagine the relationship where you disagree without sacrificing love or the relationship. Ask the Lord if this is a relationship He would like you to mend. If so, what's one small step you can take toward that end?
3. What does it mean to have a Holy Curiosity? In what areas of your life is God stirring up passion with unanswered questions? Toward what could He be prompting you?
4. Pastor Mark said, "Everybody is someone's disciple." Who is discipling you? Who has God called you to disciple?

Digging Deeper:

- Part of the genius of Jesus was His posture of feet washing. Read John 13:1-21. In the same context, Jesus both served and offended. How was He able to do both? Journal or talk aloud to the Lord about His wisdom and ability to exercise two apparent extremes simultaneously. Ask the Lord if there's a situation in your life where you need the wisdom to exercise two extremes in one scenario.

- Have you been a witness or recipient of a miracle? Consider sharing this experience as a testimony with others. If you haven't, consider joining a small group (or asking the people in your small group) for their experience with miracles as a testimony to build our faith.

Practical Application:

- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET ncc.re/upperzoom. Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to ncc.re/prayerpods to sign up.
- Join us on Thursdays at the Capital Turnaround for House of Prayer: ncc.re/houseofprayer.