

Why I Still Believe

Part 2: Does Jesus Actually Make a Daily Difference?

W/ Luke Summers - August 21, 2022

### Summary

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### Partial Transcript:

If Jesus is actually God... A God that cares about each individual... lives in and empowers every follower daily... then you would think there would be proof... right?

Not just big stories of famous leaders or miracles or something but... but proof in the daily typical lives of those who believe.

Does following Jesus make any difference in the ups and downs of our regular lives?

What is it actually like to live as a JF in 2022?

Good questions... So... let's talk about it... together.

### WE:

One thing I love about the Church/JF's- there is no typical JF.

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Is there some reason people would devote their personal/unique lives to following Jesus in 2022 and does it actually make any difference in regular life?

So I thought it would be good to ask my friend Luke about his experience of being a JF.

Give those of you exploring... a chance to hear from a real person about their real experience

And for those who have decided to follow... encouragement from someone else's story... And to see in action what the Apostle Pete explained in **1 Peter 2:9**... **if you've experienced you can share it.**

### Interview:

02:21 Who are you?

02:57 Who is Jesus to you?

05:05 How would you describe what it means to be “a disciple?”

06:20 How did you begin following Jesus?

08:54 How would you describe that journey growing up?

15:30 Tell us about being married young and also living/serving overseas.

19:10 What have you discovered?

22:22 What questions are you still exploring?

25:03 Why do you still believe?

28:00 What would you say to anyone exploring Jesus right now?

### 31:10 Discussion Questions for Groups:

1. What stood out to you in Luke’s story?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9. What do you think it would look like for someone to “show others the goodness of God” on a regular, daily, life-style basis?
3. Whether or not you would call yourself a Jesus-Follower... what have *you* discovered recently about Jesus and/or following him?
4. What do you (or what do you think you would) enjoy about following Jesus?
5. How can your group pray for you this week?

31:27 Announcements

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