

Jesus Collective Featured Resources

Jesus Collective creates resources to fuel the Jesus-centered movement and provide vision for a more hopeful and relevant vision of Jesus (or Christianity) in this cultural moment. These resources bring greater attention to this movement within the broader sweep of Christendom and equip Partners and Friends to share resources that can introduce more people to this unfolding movement — of a more hopeful Christian expression centered on Jesus.

Jesus Centered Foundations Video Series

[Foundations Video Series](#)

How do we view our theological foundations through a Jesus-centered lens? How do we forge an understanding of our faith centered first and foremost on the fullest revelation of God revealed in Jesus? The Jesus Centered Foundations Video Series is designed to equip leaders in your church or organization with a theological vision foundationally built on the words, works, ways, and person of Jesus of Nazareth. As with everything we do, the vision of these videos is not merely to dispense self-help tips or techniques wrapped in Jesus, but to equip leaders to become better followers of Jesus.

This video series can be watched alone and is designed as a tool to empower and equip yourself and leaders within your influence with a theological and faith foundation built on the person of Jesus. Each video, with an approximate runtime of 30 minutes, is tailor-made for group engagement, serving as a catalyst for the initiation and progression of discipleship and leadership development within your unique ministry context.

The series provides groups with eight segments that will conversationally explore a theological foundation through a Jesus-first perspective. Each segment comes with discussion questions to take the conversation deeper with a bias towards living it out.

Sessions include

- Session 1 – The Kingdom of God
- Session 2 – The Trinity
- Session 3 – Humanity
- Session 4 – The Cross
- Session 5 – The Spirit & the Church
- Session 6 – Scripture

Session 7 – Eschatology

Session 8 – Discipleship and Mission

This series interrelates with two other resources you may find helpful. One is a preaching and podcast series on what we have been calling “The Five Markers.” We believe these 5 themes are relevant ways of speaking about how Jesus meets the pain points of our cultural moment with hope. The other is a book-length treatment of these themes called *Divine Gravity* where Pastor Meghan Larissa Good invites us to think about what it looks like to recover a better Christian story.

What Does ‘Jesus-Centered’ Really Mean?

[Jesus Collective Blog Post](#)

For many people, hearing a Christian church or movement describe itself as being “Jesus-centered” sounds pretty strange. It’s like talking about a watery ocean or a “musically-oriented” band. I mean, isn’t the Jesus thing kind of built into the package? Are you suggesting there are Christians who are *not* Jesus-centered?

This brief blog post is a succinct conversation provocateur to engage those newer to the conversation in what we (the Jesus Collective community) mean when we declare the centrality of the person of Jesus over anything and everything else. Please share this resource with others and post to socials if this gives you language and helps you deepen your understanding.

Centered Set Church Video Series

Book: Mark Baker, [Centered-Set Church](#)

[Centered-Set Church Videos](#)

This five part series is designed for individual study, or for use in your staff team or home group, this video series presents the basics of bounded, fuzzy, and centered sets according to the first three chapters of Mark Baker’s book [Centered-Set Church](#).

The videos engage viewers through stories, diagrams, and examples. The accompanying Discussion Guide includes discussion questions designed to lead participants in imagining possible ways God might use this approach to disciple a more Jesus-centered way in their lives and community. This resource is designed to inform, excite, and inspire others to turn

from bounded or fuzzy approaches to discipleship and together center on Jesus.

Video Series: Making Peace in a Polarized World: How to Courageously Lead Congregations Towards Unity and Peace in the Way of Jesus

[Making Peace Video Series](#)

Learn Jesusy approaches from experts in conflict transformation and congregational leadership. [Dr. Betty Pries](#) and [Dr. Samuel Sarpiya](#) along with seasoned pastoral practitioners with decades of combined congregational leadership experience, guide participants with practical wisdom, gentleness, and skill.

Recorded October 2022 when COVID polarization was at its peak, this resource was a livestream national broadcast across Canada. Making Peace in a Polarized World is an in-depth equipping experience for leadership teams and small groups serious about transforming polarization and healing conflict in churches and communities. This resource is meant to be equip church leaders with practical tools and frameworks for how to:

- Bring a Jesus-centered approach to transforming conflict
- Understand and identify the causes of polarization and conflict
- Assess various types and stages of conflict
- Practical strategies for shifting polarization
- Tools to equip participants to identify their conflict styles for greater self-awareness

This video series includes over 7 hrs of content, small group exercises, case studies, and reflection questions.

Practitioner panelists include seasoned pastoral and non-profit leaders: [Non-profit Director](#) Margaret Smart, Pastor Mandy Kasper, [Pastor](#) Colin McCartney, and [Pastor](#) Adam Dyer

The Five Markers of Jesus-Centered Transformation Sermon Outlines

PDF: The [Five Markers of Jesus-Centered Transformation](#) Sermon Outlines

Every 500 years Christianity goes through a reformation to recalibrate the poignancy of our faith for a new era. At Jesus Collective, we believe the church may be currently experiencing one such moment. Rapid cultural and technological change, clergy scandals, church divisions, and political turmoil has resulted in a period where “deconstruction” is the

buzzword. Many Christians find themselves rethinking their faith, and many outside the church wonder if Christianity has anything true or relevant left to say to the world.

This sermon series reflects an attempt to name some of the core shifts, or rediscoveries, we believe are vital to the renewal of the church's vision and mission. They are not "new" insights but represent a return to the wonder, radicalness, and transformative power of the good news that Christians proclaimed from the very beginning and that ignited a movement that rocked the world. Don't miss the [podcast series Jesus Collective](#) did with practitioners and theologians to tease out implications for navigating this shift with Jesus at the center.

Jesus Collective Podcast

Our mission is to amplify, unite, and equip a larger movement of the Spirit centering the Church back on Jesus. Our podcast brings together practitioners, authors, theologians, evangelists, everyday pastors, and ordinary leaders to explore the relevancy of Jesus in secular contexts. We apply the centrality of Jesus to some of the most pressing pain points in our cultural moment. Do your part to amplify this movement: check out our latest conversations, like us, share on your socials, and leave a comment on Apple Podcast or Spotify.