

Today's Theme

# “Moving From Empty To Full”

Series Title

## “Making Much of Jesus”

Part 1 March 20, 2022

Putting It All Together

1. *Re-defining* Jesus in *my* life.
2. People's *response* to Jesus *varies*.

### Finding A More Full Life

#### 1. Everyone's on a *hunt* for *meaning*.

Ecc 2:10 I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. 11 Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

#### 2. Moving to a *real relationship* w/Jesus.

Col 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. . . . 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,  
1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

#### 3. Big difference between *busy* & *meaning*.

Luke 12: 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life[b]? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?  
Luke 12:18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

#### 4. Settled in on the *principles* of Jesus.

John 10:10 . . . I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

##### (1) We *prove our friendship* as we listen & follow.

John 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

##### (2) We *show our connection* as we listen & follow.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

##### (3) We *experience meaning* by following Jesus.

Matt 8:22 But Jesus told him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

Matt 9:9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matt 20:30-34

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”