



The Truth of Two Realities | Jimmy Rollins | 2.6.22
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around and answer the following question:

If you were a winter Olympic athlete, what sport would you compete in?

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Jimmy came to share a timely message with us. As we are in the middle of a worldwide pandemic many of us find ourselves in the middle of our realities. We were reminded that there is space in the reality of being human and the reality of the calling of holiness. And in it all, God meets us there.

Before we jump in, check-in with each other by asking one of these questions:

Where did you see God in this week?

What is one way you were able to share in the work God is doing around you?

GROW

Read Isaiah 61:1-3. Luke 2 8-13

Where in this Scripture do you see God's promise to be in the space between two realities?

This week Jimmy reminded us that when God speaks it is for "now and later." God meets us with Truth in the space of our two realities and since he promises to meet us there, we can rest assure that "it is okay not to be okay."

Do you find it difficult to be in the space of the in between? To allow yourself at times to be okay even when it is not okay? Share with your group.

Faith and fear are real. When we embrace the emotions, it doesn't mean that we are detaching ourselves from our faith and devotion to God. Because of God's deep love and devotion to us, his most prized creation, he sent Jesus to earth to be with us, to rescue us and redeem (see John 3:16).

Jesus was yet man and God. We see Jesus' humanity in John 11:32-34. His friend Mary came to him distraught because her brother Lazarus died, and she knew Jesus could have stepped in. The story doesn't end there, check it out at a later time, but it says that, "Jesus wept." Even though he knew he was going to heal Lazarus, his compassion for Mary moved him to deep anguish. She hurt and so did he. Jesus steps into the space in between our two realities with himself just as he did here with Mary.

Where have you experienced God step into the space between your two realities of pain and hope? Feeling blessed but broken; alone but you know God is with you; forgiven yet hard to forgive others; in a sea of sadness but comforted with hope... Share with your group.

Wherever you find yourself today, may God's Truth fill the space of your two realities. May his presence be ever near and may your faith be strengthened in it all.

M O V E

Jimmy encouraged us this week saying that our God designed “emotions are indicators that it is time to do something about it.” He challenged us with four ways we can be active in our faith while being in the space between our two realities. Chat though them with your group and take them with you as you go into your week.

1. MY PRAYER WILL BE MY PERSISTENCE (Luke 11:5-10; 1 Samuel 7:18)

Praying is simply talking to God. Being real with God, while knowing he is the One that “holds all things together” (Colossians 1:17). Prayer brings us to God as he reveals his devotion to us.

Jimmy said, “prayer will change us before it changes the thing we are praying for.” What does this mean to you?

Is it difficult for you to pray when you are walking in the in between? Why or why not?

2. HIS PROMISE WILL BE MY PERSPECTIVE (2 Corinthians 20-22; Isaiah 55:10-12)

The Bible is not fiction, it is REAL! From beginning to end, it is filled with God’s promises. His Word does not return void. Our God is for us!

How have you seen God’s promises revealed to you in your story?

Are you in a season where your perspective is blurred by your current circumstances or even by your emotion?

3. MY PRAISE WILL BE MY PROOF (Luke 1:39-45; Hebrews 11:1-2; Psalms 34:1-3)

In confident expectation, we can praise God in all that we think, say and do. Our confidence in God will project out loud the way we worship. It will be known by the words on our lips, the way we love and the way we represent God to others.

Jimmy said that “praise is a current confession of a past consideration.” What do you think he meant by that?

When you are in the space in between fear and faith, do you find that it is difficult to praise God in the midst of it all? Why or why not?

4. HIS PRESENCE WILL BE MY PEACE (Psalms 16:11; Luke 4:18-19)

Throughout the Bible, God reminds his people, us, that he is with us. It was once said that “God’s presence is like the wind, you cannot see it but you can feel it.”

Think of a time in your life that you knew God’s presence was ever so near. So near that you it brought the crazy, supernatural peace over you.

You may also be in a season where you are begging God to be near, and you just cannot feel him. Share with your group and take time to ask God for peace in his presence.

This week, let us take the challenge from Jimmy to “pray long enough to watch God, move us from frustration -> to desperation -> to revelation -> manifestation.”

P R A Y

As a group, take time to pray over each other. Pray that God will meet each of you in the middle of your realities.

T O G O

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:26

