

## **KNOW SESSION 1**

**Bottom Line: OWN what YOU KNOW by OWNING YOUR OWN faith.**

**Intro -**

**Mandalorian – This is the way.**

**One of my favorite Disney+ Star Wars TV shows is the Mandalorian. Somehow this story has, once again, captured the essence of Star Wars as we follow a character that seems to be an outcast to society, work as a bounty hunter, holds himself to such high personal convictions at the same time.**

**As he traveled across the galaxy, doing his odd job, he stumbles upon a crisis of conviction early in the series. THE CHILD! He finds himself fending off friends and enemies to keep THE CHILD alive and the rest is history.**

**The reason I bring up this series... other than just really liking it personally, is that there was a key phrase the Mandalorian said, that just stuck with all of us... THIS IS THE WAY.**

**Somehow, he just said it, and as we watch, it just feels right. I don't know if it is the confidence in his voice, the glimmer in his armor, or the theme music that plays that just seals the deal, but we all need to give it a try right now.**

**Me**

**We are going to look at our DIRECTION for our lives in Christ. So many times, you might have been told "THIS IS THE WAY," but have you ever thought about your personal faith for yourself.**

**WHICH WAY DO WE GO?**

**WHAT DIRECTION ARE WE GOING AS WE OWN OUR FAITH?**

**I can tend to be directionally challenged, so I am glad that we have at least one compass here that can help me find my direction. I want you to think about YOUR DIRECTION TONIGHT.**

**VISUAL - Bring out the COMPASS.**

**The Compass has played a part of helping the directionally challenged for almost 1,000 years. The Chinese found out that a certain metal would**

always point a certain direction. It took hundreds of years afterward to get the kind of compass we have today, but now we have something that always tells us where TRUE NORTH is.

You see, this thought is important, because whether you were a Chinese traveler trying to go out to sea, or Alexander the Great, conquering unknown territory, or Lewis and Clark discovering what we know now as the USA, you had to know what TRUE NORTH was and know how to draw your own map. No copy and paste, no GPS, no internet available.

**[ I like give students “connecting points” with our Senior Pastor to cast vision to our students, and he happened to be a collector of compasses.]**

**Speaking of COMPASSES and direction. You might know one person that seems to ALWAYS KNOW WHERE HE IS. That is PASTOR RAY!**

## **WE**

**When it comes to direction in our lives, we can all sort of go into autopilot.**

**Parents push us one way, coaches another, teachers, friends another way, our own quirkiness randomly in other quirky directions.**

**With all these influences in our lives, we can lose VISION on THE WAY Christ wants us to go.**

**Do you know the direction you are going?**

**(Sometimes we get so caught up on life and what is ahead, that we lose our way)**

## **GOD**

**THE FIRST STEP TO FINDING DIRECTION IS TO:**

**KNOW - You need to KNOW Jesus.**

**John 14:6 ESV**

**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

**You might have stepped into your relationship with Jesus, but I want to challenge you to OWN it!**

## YOU

**Bottom Line: OWN what YOU KNOW by OWNING YOUR OWN faith.**

**OWN your relationship with Jesus - At this stage in your life, you may have had amazing parent influence, super adults that have shared Jesus with you, but do you OWN your faith from within your OWN heart?**

**You might not think you have much to choose right now at your age, but you truly can choose the WAYS you will go!**

**Think about your WAYS.**

What path are you walking in your spiritual life?

Proverbs 4:25-27 ESV

25 Let your eyes look directly forward,  
and your gaze be straight before you.

26 Ponder the path of your feet;  
then all your ways will be sure.

27 Do not swerve to the right or to the left;  
turn your foot away from evil.

## **INTERACTIVE – THINK ABOUT YOUR WAYS SMALLEST FEET AND LARGEST FEET PUT ON MSM SOCKS**

**[ We have custom Middle School Socks we used as a gift and visual for the participants. This is just another concrete “help” to keep attention and give an example for what the breakout might look like.]**

Wisdom helps us use our Spiritual Compass. We begin to think about our ways choose the WISE PATH.

That begins with JESUS and KNOWING HIM.

The next step is to FOLLOW THE WAY

## WE

What would happen if you decided tonight to make Jesus #1 by thinking about your own ways?

**[ This is the time I usually wrap up the talk and give an invitation for students to begin a relationship with Jesus for the first time.]**

Will you THINK ABOUT or PONDER the WAYS YOU ARE GOING?

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