

WE ARE CHURCH

We are a Jesus-centred church.

Scriptures: Prov. 31:8-9; Matt. 7:28; 9:10-13; 16:18; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21; 1 Cor. 13:12; Heb. 12:2; 1 Peter 2:9-10;

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/PastorJimCymbala/videos/1200508356652610/>

1. "The Church is not where we go, it is who we are!" Thoughts?
2. What does Jesus mean to you? What does it mean to be a Jesus-centred church?
3. Paul writes (Phil. 1:21) "For me to live is Christ." Fill in the blank : "For me to live is _____"?
4. Billy Connolly "I can't believe in Christianity, but I think Jesus was a wonderful man." H. G. Wells "I am a historian, I am not a believer. But this penniless preacher from Galilee is irresistibly the centre of history." Why do you think that people who are turned off the church are attracted to Jesus?
5. Why do you think that Jesus amazed the crowds with his teaching? (Matt. 7:28). What contemporary lessons can we learn?
6. What did you think Steve meant when he said that "Jesus is the key that unlocks the Bible" and "If you are wishing to understand the message of the Bible, don't start with Genesis, Jeremiah, Jonah or Job—start with Jesus!" What mistakes do we sometimes make in the way that we read our Bibles?
7. Read Matthew 9:10-13. Jesus was known as a friend of sinners. Why is it so important to reach out to those on the margins of society?
8. Proverbs 31:8-9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice" (NLT). In which ways can we speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves? What contemporary issues touch your heart? What are you doing about those issues?
9. See Pastor Jim Cymbala's video (link above). Thoughts?