



Session 2: Jesus

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Bible Study Based on Leonard Sweet's The Bad Habits of Jesus: Showing Us How to Live Right in a World Gone Wrong

I. Introductions and Prayer

A. Leonard Sweet writes: “Would Jesus offend you today? If not, you are missing the scandalous nature of Jesus, the rabble-rousing rabbi, as told in the stories of the Gospels. Jesus revealed a God who

has gone to great trouble over every person in every corner of the world. No one is not worth God's trouble. That is why Jesus came to trouble us with the truth: that it is only in being "bad" in the eyes of

**the world that we can
be “good” in the eyes
of God.” (p. xvi)**

**B. Leonard Sweet
writes: “Consider the
difference between
walking into English
class after the bell
and arriving a couple
of hours after a 911
call for help. One will
get you detention, but
the other has deadly**

consequences.” (p. 13)

II. “God Doesn’t Tell Time, God Makes It!” (p. 16)

A. Read 7–15.

1. Notice God’s Name in verse 14: I AM.

2. What motivates God? Why is God

**acting now and not
before to free the
slaves? Why is God a
“God of your
ancestors” but not a
God of the past?**

**B. Read Ecclesiastes
3:1–15**

**1. If there is a time for
everything, how do**

we know what time it is?

2. Should we push for healing, building, dancing and peace? Or should we just accept what comes?

III. Jesus Late for a Funeral (21-43)

**A. Read the passage.
What are some things
you notice? Does
Jesus seem stressed
about all this?**

**B. When you are
interrupted on your
way to do something
good, how do you tend
to respond to the**

interruption? Are there times when we can't just "go with the flow?"

C. Read 38–42. Both Martha and Mary are "waiting" on Jesus, but they have very different approaches. How does Jesus seem

**to feel about them?
Who are the Martha's
and who are the
Mary's in our
fellowship?**

**IV. Conclusions: Being
God's person just in
time.**

**Leonard Sweet writes:
“Disciples of Jesus
with this bad habit
will be hard to predict
because we are
constantly being
created anew and
sent to do things we
had no intention of
doing or going places**

**we had no intention of
going or meeting
people we had no
intention of meeting.”**

Exodus 3:7–15

7 ¶ The LORD said, “I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard them crying out because of the slave drivers. I know how much they’re suffering.

**8 I have come to
rescue them from the
power of the
Egyptians and to
bring them from that
land to a good land
with plenty of room
Δfor everyone. It is a
land flowing with milk
and honey where the**

**Canaanites, Hittites,
Amorites, Perizzites,
Hivites, and Jebusites
live.**

**9 I have heard the cry
of the people of
Israel. I have seen
how the Egyptians are
oppressing them.**

10 Now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you can bring my people Israel out of Egypt.”

11 ¶ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the people

**of Israel out of
Egypt?”**

**12 ¶ God answered, “I
will be with you. And
this will be the proof
that I sent you: When
you bring the people
out of Egypt, all of
you will worship God
on this mountain.”**

**13 ¶ Then Moses
replied to God,
“Suppose I go to the
people of Israel and
say to them, ‘The God
of your ancestors has
sent me to you,’ and
they ask me, ‘What is
his name?’ What
should I tell them?”**

14 ¶ God answered Moses, “I Am Who I Am. This is what you must say to the people of Israel: ‘I Am has sent me to you.’ ”

15 ¶ Again God said to Moses, “This is what you must say to the people of Israel: The

**LORD God of your
ancestors, the God of
Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob, has sent me to
you. This is my name
forever. This is my
title throughout every
generation.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1–15

1 ¶ Everything has its own time, and there is a specific time for every activity under heaven:

2 ¶ a time to be born and

**a time to die,
a time to plant and
a time to pull out
what was planted,
3 a time to kill and
a time to heal,
a time to tear down
and
a time to build up,
4 a time to cry and**

**a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and
a time to dance,
5 a time to scatter
stones and
a time to gather
them, a
a time to hug and
a time to stop
hugging,**

**6 a time to start
looking and
a time to stop
looking,
a time to keep and
a time to throw away,**

**7 a time to tear apart
and
a time to sew
together,**

**a time to keep quiet
and
a time to speak out,
8 a time to love and
a time to hate,
a time for war and
a time for peace.**

9 ¶ What do working people gain from their hard labor?

10 I have seen mortals weighed down with a burden that God has placed on them.

11 It is beautiful how God has done everything at the

**right time. He has put
a sense of eternity in
people's minds. Yet,
mortals still can't
grasp what God is
doing from the
beginning to the end
of time.**

**12 ¶ I realize that
there's nothing better**

for them to do than to be cheerful and enjoy what is good in their lives.

13 It is a gift from God to be able to eat and drink and experience the good that comes from every kind of hard work.

14 ¶ I realize that whatever God does will last forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing can be taken away from it. God does this so that people will fear him.

15 ¶ Whatever has happened Δ in the past π is present now. Whatever is going to happen Δ in the future π has already happened Δ in the past π . God will call the past to account.b

Mark 5:21–43

5:21 ¶ Jesus again crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee in a boat. A large crowd gathered around him by the seashore.

22 ¶ A synagogue leader named Jairus also arrived. When he saw Jesus, he quickly bowed down in front of him.

23 He begged Jesus, “My little daughter is dying. Come, lay your hands on her so that

she may get well and live.”

24 ¶ Jesus went with the man. A huge crowd followed Jesus and pressed him on every side.

25 ¶ In the crowd was a woman who had been suffering from

chronic bleeding for twelve years.

26 Although she had been under the care of many doctors and had spent all her money, she had not been helped at all. Actually, she had become worse.

27 Since she had heard about Jesus, she came from behind in the crowd and touched his clothes.

28 She said, “If I can just touch his clothes, I’ll get well.”

29 Her bleeding stopped immediately.

She felt cured from her illness.

30 ¶ At that moment Jesus felt power had gone out of him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

31 ¶ His disciples said to him, “How can you ask, ‘Who touched me,’ when you see the crowd pressing you on all sides?”

32 ¶ But he kept looking around to see the woman who had done this.

33 The woman trembled with fear. She knew what had happened to her. So she quickly bowed in front of him and told him the whole truth.

**34 ¶ Jesus told her,
“Daughter, your faith has made you well.**

Go in peace! Be cured from your illness.”

35 ¶ While Jesus was still speaking to her, some people came from the synagogue leader's home. They told the synagogue leader, “Your daughter has died.

**Why bother the
teacher anymore?”**

**36 ¶ When Jesus
overheard what they
said, he told the
synagogue leader,
“Don’t be afraid! Just
believe.”**

**37 ¶ Jesus allowed no
one to go with him**

except Peter and the two brothers James and John.

38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a noisy crowd there. People were crying and sobbing loudly.

39 When he came into the house, he asked them, “Why are you making so much noise and crying? The child isn’t dead. She’s just sleeping.”

40 ¶ They laughed at him. So he made all of them go outside. Then

he took the child's father, mother, and his three disciples and went to the child.

41 Jesus took the child's hand and said to her, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, I'm telling you to get up!"

42 ¶ The girl got up at once and started to walk. (She was twelve years old.) They were astonished.

43 ¶ Jesus ordered them not to let anyone know about this. He also told

**them to give the little
girl something to eat.**

Luke 10:38-42

10:38 ¶ As they were traveling along, Jesus went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

39 She had a sister named Mary. Mary sat

**at the Lord's feet and
listened to him talk.
40 ¶ But Martha was
upset about all the
work she had to do.
So she asked, "Lord,
don't you care that
my sister has left me
to do the work all by**

myself? Tell her to help me.”

**41 ¶ The Lord answered her,
“Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things.
42 There’s only one thing you need.b Mary has made the right**

choice, and that one thing will not be taken away from her.”