



# The Jesus Gap

## Week 1- Purpose Study Guide

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There is a gap between what people think about Christianity and how Jesus actually lived His life. Jesus led a life that was very attractive to those around Him. This week we look at how Jesus had a reason for everything He did because He was living with a purpose.

1. What were some of your childhood (or current) goals or desires? What did you want to grow up to be?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the term “Christian”? What qualities do you think of when you think of Jesus?
3. **Read Luke 4:16-21.** Jesus knew His purpose. Christians have a bad reputation for judging others, but Jesus came to proclaim good news to others. Which side do you find yourself on more often? How can you encourage someone with good news this week?
4. We learned that Jesus had empathy, which is the ability to see and understand someone’s situation. Jesus was great at making everyone feel like a person, no matter who they were. What kind of people do you have a hard time connecting with? How can you try to understand their situation better?
5. Christians are often viewed as oppressive, but Jesus came to “free those who were oppressed.” Jesus did not try to argue the different social issues of oppression. He found oppressed people and helped them. What are some of the issues people view as oppression? How can we follow Jesus’ example and go out and help those people?
6. Final Thought: We do not meet people on accident. Keep your eyes open for who God puts in front of you this week and how you can treat them more like Jesus treated people.