

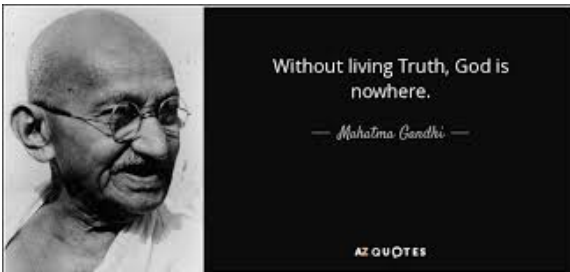


Jesus said that if you have seen me and spent time listening to my words then you have seen God - we are one and the same! Quite a statement isn't it! One that got him into a lot of interesting discussions and a fair amount of trouble. Yet even those closest to Jesus, his own disciples, didn't quite get it the first time.

8 Philip (one of the disciples) said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus replied, "Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? **Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?** 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, it is the Father dwelling in Me, performing His works....JOHN 14:8-10

SO WHAT does that mean for us this week?

Jesus is saying that if people want to know what God is like, his character, his intentions and love for people, then 'look at me'. In the coming weeks, I want to introduce you to this Jesus as we reflect on the words he spoke about himself, our relationship with God and in particular what he taught his followers about living real life, in faith, as community.



Jesus not only talked about all this but actually lived it out in life, full on claiming that **GOD IS NOW HERE!** This seems too simple to believe right? But over the centuries MANY people have done just that and they live their lives with a different perspective - through good times and bad, with hope.

Sometimes it's easy to take everything we have for granted. Our minds can get so wrapped up in our struggles and all the things we need to do during the week that we forget to even think about God let alone thank him for all the good things He's provided for us like our health, our wellbeing and our loved one's presence in our life: And that's OK but maybe worship times in school can be that space for YOU to reflect.

CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE:

1. Design a poster based on "God is Now Here" - put it on your form prayer board.
2. How do you see life today - with or without God?
3. Who do you worship? What difference does this make to your life?
4. "God is nearer than you think!" In what ways might this be true?
5. Write a prayer of thanks for staff that give hours of planning and hard work to make the school safe for us to return: show your appreciation by following the guidance.
6. Gandhi admired the teachings of Jesus - discuss Gandhi's quote on "living truth".

Read and Reflect:

The **Lord** is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145: 18-19

PRAYER: We ask that as we reflect on what it means to be a worshipping Christian School and we make time for worship individually and as a school community, that we will understand how inviting YOU into our life makes a difference to the way we live. Amen.



Happy to chat with you anytime about the blog, Christian faith, prayer requests and everything else.
 May we know real life lived out in faith, as individuals and as a community.

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