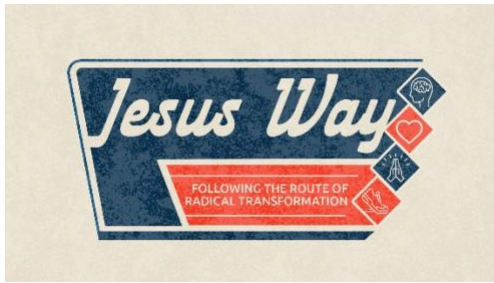


October 26, 2025 – Week #2

Milton Campus – Pastor Branden Mestach



**Backseat
Driver**

**Quest Book:
Chapter 28**

Matthew 5:1-16

A. Setting the Scene: The Guide and the Journey

1. Jesus is the perfect guide.

“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down.” Matthew 5:1a (NIV)

2. As disciples we intentionally listen to the Guide.

“His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them.” Matthew 5:2a (NIV)

3. Radical transformation: Jesus, not the world.

“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19 (NIV)

B. The Beatitudes: The Route Markers of the Jesus (High)Way

1. The Route Markers:

a. Utter dependency

“He said, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit...’” Matthew 5:2b-3a (NIV)

b. Activated grief

“‘Blessed are those who mourn...’” Matthew 5:4a (NIV)

c. Humble Teachability

“‘Blessed are the meek...’” Matthew 5:5a (NIV)

d. Starving Spirit

“‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...’” Matthew 5:6a (NIV)

e. Forgiving Spirit

“‘Blessed are the merciful...’” Matthew 5:7a (NIV)

f. Unsoiled Heart

“‘Blessed are the pure in heart...’” Matthew 5:8a (NIV)

g. Relationally Right

“‘Blessed are the peacemakers...’” Matthew 5:9a (NIV)

h. Mocked Lifestyle

“‘Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness...’” Matthew 5:10a (NIV)

“‘Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.’” Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

2. The Result of Obedience:

a. Receive the kingdom of heaven.

“‘...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 5:3b (NIV)

b. Receive a settled peace.

“‘...for they will be comforted.’” Matthew 5:4b (NIV)

c. Receive the good things in life.

“‘...for they will inherit the earth.’” Matthew 5:5b (NIV)

d. Receive renewed knowledge.

“‘...for they will be filled.’” Matthew 5:6b (NIV)

e. Receive goodness to the soul.

“‘...for they will be shown mercy.’” Matthew 5:7b (NIV)

f. Receive sight by faith, then face to face.

“‘...for they will see God.’” Matthew 5:8b (NIV)

g. Receive a new identity.

“‘...for they will be called children of God.’” Matthew 5:9b (NIV)

h. Receive fellowship with God forever.

“‘...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 5:10b (NIV)

“‘Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’” Matthew 5:12 (NIV)

3. Radical Transformation: Jesus’ values over worldly distractions.

“‘For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

C. Salt and Light: Beacons on the Journey

1. Choosing to be salt:

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.” Matthew 5:13 (NIV)

2. Choosing to be light:

“‘You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.’” Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

True disciples of Jesus do not listen to backseat drivers.

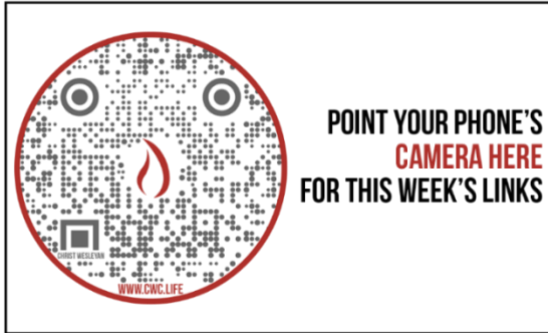
To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: Jesus' Way
Following the Route of Radical Transformation

Week 3: Driver's Ed
Quest Book: Chapter 29

Milton Campus: Pastor Erik Ireland
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 74.6%

Giving year to date: 89.1% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,839

Salvations to date: 83 | Baptisms to date: 51

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

160 – Pledges with 413 Total Participants

\$2,157,352.86 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,327,374.44 - Received Donations – 35% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

Scan:



Upcoming Happenings:

November 2nd -Welcome Party!

November 6th-8th -Anastasia the Musical!

Pick up the latest copy of “CWC Now The Magazine” in the foyer today for more information about all the happenings here at CWC.

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you've been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you're asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You'll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don't worry! Growth Track runs every month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to **bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack**.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: **loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life**