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# DUST

## Week 3: Saved From the Dust of the Earth.



Dust. It's the stuff we walk in, clear off furniture, or stir up when we go digging in the garden. In the ancient world, the rabbis had a saying: "May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi." In other words, may you live and follow your teacher for all of life so closely, that the dust of your rabbi covers you. This Lent, we're looking to follow Jesus more closely, give up our sins + shortcomings, give more of all we are +

have, and transformed to new life.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At twenty-one days, new life patterns have emerged. How is the Lenten journey of giving up, giving more, and following more changing you as a person?
2. *Read Psalm 116.* This is considered a psalm of thanksgiving for delivery from distress and death, and was used in worship for the community of God to offer their thanks and praise to God.

How do the opening two verses speak to this praise and thanksgiving to God?

What, according to 116:3, 8, 10-11, does the psalmist have to offer praise to God for?

3. *Read John 7:53-8:11.* We learned Sunday about how Jesus saved a woman caught in adultery from being buried in the dust of the earth. The legal commandment for adultery was stoning, and Jesus' words to those who would stone her stopped them dead in their tracks until their stones were left in heaps in the dust of the earth.

How are Jesus' actions similar to Psalm 116? Match Jesus' actions in John 7:53-8:11 with descriptions for God throughout Psalm 116.

4. *Re-read Psalm 116:1-6.* Each Sunday, we offer or give our worship to God for his saving acts - some big, some small, all transformative in our lives. How specifically will you offer your worship to God in a more sincere, passionate, and open posture this coming Sunday?
5. Notice the psalmist offers additional responses of worship in Psalm 116:12-19. What are they? As you continue in our Lenten practices of giving up, giving more, and following more closely, how are you fulfilling these additional responses of worship listed in Psalm 116:12-19?

### BE THE REVOLUTION

Jesus is SAVIOR, and as we follow him and are covered in the dust of our rabbi, we know that he will save us from death itself so we may learn to love what he loves and live as he lives.

### RENOVATING THE HEART

And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more" (*John 8:11*).