

Day 21 - Living Like Jesus

Jesus invites us to come and follow Him—to apprentice under Him. We define an apprentice as someone who is committed to imitating Jesus and doing the types of things He did. For us, loving and following Jesus is not about quick fixes but a lifelong journey of being progressively transformed by the Spirit to look more like Him through the ebbs and flows of our messy lives.

Which areas of your life need training to better follow Jesus and live a fruitful, faithful life?

Our focus scripture for today is 1 John 2:5-6

“⁵ But whoever keeps his word, truly in him the love of God is made complete. This is how we know we are in Him ⁶ The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked.”

Jesus is not just our Savior and Lord. He is our example - we are called to imitate the way Jesus walked with God the Father. The spiritual power evident in the life of Jesus flowed from a faithful, regular, disciplined life of fellowship and obedience to the Father, empowered by the Spirit of God. This will take practice and empowerment. None of us will ever arrive or become elite. As we live our everyday lives, in our homes, in our friendships, and in our jobs, we are called to walk as Jesus walked. This cannot be done out of our own strength but through the power of the Spirit and the over-abundant supply of grace in the gospel. We train one another to deliberately take personal ownership of following Jesus, progressively being transformed to look more like Him.

Pause to think back over areas of your life where you need training to follow Jesus better. Seek God's guidance on how Jesus would navigate those situations and areas of life.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” think about ways to engage your community as you commit to a journey of imitating Jesus. Dedicate time to prayer, seeking God's guidance, to identify someone in your life whom you can approach for guidance. We all need wise guides. Additionally, If you already have a trusted group of people, pray for insight into how God intends for them to contribute to your growth. Be brave and ask for that help.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in:

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Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.