

Be a DISCIPLE

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Week 4 - You Need To Be Like Jesus

In this campaign we are learning about the 4 chairs of Discipleship –

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As Disciples of Jesus we are asking these 2 questions throughout this campaign:

What chair are you in?

What chair do you need to move towards?

Throughout these eight weeks will focus on the Eight Attitudes we need to have in order to GROW in our relationship with God.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

This week we look at the fourth attitude that puts us in a position to be blessed by God which is to recognize that You Need to Be Like Jesus in your life.

You should emulate Jesus as your model for life and ministry. In the lead up to this campaign we discovered that though Jesus was God he did not use his divine power to cheat at successfully living this life. That means you can look to Jesus as your example.

Jesus used the same resources we have available to us to live for God the Father.

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and so are you if you are a follower of Jesus.

Jesus spent much time in prayer to the Father getting direction for his life and ministry and you can do the same.

Jesus studied the scriptures in order to know God and His will. You have the scriptures to study as well.

Jesus had supportive relationships that he leaned on to help him live this life. You are building relationships that will keep you growing and moving to be like Jesus.

Jesus also models for us how to walk in obedience to God. What attitude should we have? How do we gain righteousness or "rightness" in our lives?

Have someone read these verses:

Philippians 2:3-11

Do not be selfish; do not try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Do not look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus modeled humility and obedience as a way of life. He did it by modeling his own life after God the Father.

Have someone read these verses:

John 5:19-23 So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished. 21 For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants. 22 In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge, 23 so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him.

Questions:

1. Do you long to see evil stopped in this world? Give an example
2. Do you remember when you started to want to live the right way in your life? What made you want to do that?
3. What discourages you from staying on the path towards Righteousness?
4. What do you do to stay hungry for righteousness?
5. Why can it be easy to settle for less than righteousness in our own lives? (Lack of victory or continued failure, discouragement)
6. How can we learn from Jesus' example? Have the right attitude, use the resources He used to be successful.
7. Are you using the resources Jesus used in your walk with God?
8. How can we get better at using these resources?

As you pray together tonight, encourage everyone to share a need. As you pray, ask everyone to pray with their hands open with their palms up, as a physical way of showing our need for God's provision and help.

Weekly Challenge:

This week I want you to take the picture of Jesus and tape it in a place you will see it or open it on your phone. Then do these things this week as acts of following Jesus example:

1. Read your Bible every day this week and look for righteous thoughts and actions that are talked about in the scripture you read.
2. Spend time Praying every day this week. ask God to grow you how to be more righteous.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you things you need to do to become more righteous in your life.
4. Ask a trusted friend if they see any area in your life that is not righteous or where you're not living like Jesus in your life.

Leaders: print out or share in text the picture of Jesus with your group for them to use this week.

