

REAL Discipleship in a REAL World:
Week Five: Live Like Jesus

How do I Live Like Jesus in Our World?

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

To be MORE like Jesus, to be led MORE by Jesus, and to lead MORE people to Jesus.

1. Jesus came for lost people.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:16-21).

- a. When we interact with people, our faith becomes fresh.**
- b. When we interact with people, our faith becomes sharp.**
- c. When we interact with people, our faith becomes REAL.**

2. Jesus came to serve people.

He called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:25-28)

3. Jesus came to love people.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)

4. Jesus came to bring people together.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (Romans 8:14-17)

5. Jesus came to give you and me REAL life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

A REAL church with REAL disciples influencing a REAL world is,

R - Resting in God's presence,

E - Experiencing God through obedience to His commands, (to live in)

A - Authentic Relationships with one another, and to

L - Live like Jesus with those around us.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Share an example of when you were able to live like Jesus in a practical way. How did that opportunity strengthen your faith?
2. Share a strength and a growth area from your REAL discipleship assessment. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
3. Who will encourage you and pray with you as you walk out your REAL discipleship journey with Jesus this semester?

News and Notes

Feb. 11, REFRESH Membership Class: Purpose of the Church. Details at the back table.

February 18, Vision Update after services

February 23-24, IF Womens Gathering. Please contact Barb, Mary, or Sharon for details.

March 3, Annual Business General Meeting

June 2, 75th Anniversary Sunday

Mentoring Moment with Pastor Andy Tuesdays from 11am-noon.