

Title: A Life Worth Imitating

Text: 1 John 2:6: “whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

Target: To discover the daily rhythm of the life of Jesus of what was most important, and there we will find the answer of how Jesus walked.

- I. **The Priority of Time with the Father:** “In these days **he went out** to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.” (Luke 6:12)

A. Jesus Modeled the importance by:

1. **Ascribing:** “I glorified you on earth...” (John 17:4a)
2. **Aligning:** “...having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.” (John 17: 4b)
3. **Abiding:** “And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.” (John 17:5)

B. Disciples Materialized the investment by becoming:

1. **Obedient:** knowing and obeying God’s Word.
2. **Trusting:** I rest knowing Jesus is in control.
3. **Prayerful:** I talk and listen to God.

Discussion Question: When you think about the words obedient, trusting, and prayerful what images come to mind? Are they peaceful and restful images? Why do you think that is? What would doing work, ministry, and life look like if you operated out of rest instead of trying to rest after you’ve exhausted yourself? How can you begin each day/week/year resting in The LORD?

- II. **The Practice of Togetherness with (spiritual) Family:** “And when day came, **he called** his disciples and **chose** from them twelve, whom he named apostles:” (Luke 6:13)

A. Jesus Modeled the importance by:

1. **Creating Invitation:** “As I have loved you, so you must love one another, by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love another.” (John 13:34-35)
2. **Giving Challenge:** “But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matthew 16:23)

B. Disciples Materialized the investment by becoming:

1. **He led them to be Peacemakers:** I seek to heal broken relationships
2. **He led them to be Compassionate:** I see and respond to those who are hurting.
3. **He led them to be Hospitable:** I commit to encouraging others as we pursue God.

Discussion Question: It’s been well said that everyone needs a Paul and a Timothy in their life. We all need a spiritual family. We all need a mentor and someone that we are mentoring. Who

has been a Paul in your life in the past and currently? What about a Timothy (previous and/or now)? With whom are you seeking after The LORD? Who is spurring you on and whom are you spurring on (in other words, who is your spiritual family)?

III. **The Pursuit of Those who need Freedom (Far from God):** “And **he came down** with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude...came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.” (Luke 6:17-19)

A. Jesus Modeled the Importance by:

1. **Seeing People:** “great multitude”
2. **Speaking into People:** “came to hear him”
3. **Serving People:** “to be healed of their diseases”

B. Disciples Materialized the Investment by becoming:

1. **Proclaiming:** I tell others how to know Jesus
2. **Generous:** I sacrificially share to bless others far from Jesus.
3. **Winsome:** I live so others ask about the hope of Jesus.

Discussion Question: Share some tangible examples with the group of how you can proclaim the name of Jesus to those around you. Take a few minutes in stillness before The LORD and ask Him to reveal ways that you can be generous (with your time, resources, and energy) to those around you. Finally, Oxford Languages defines winsome as “attractive or appealing in appearance or character.” Webster’s defines it as “generally pleasing and engaging; cheerful, lighthearted.” Would anyone use these terms to describe you? How can you become more winsome so that others are drawn to the Jesus inside of you?

Takeaway: How do we know when we are living out the mission of our church, when we choose to imitate Jesus and live the UP/IN/OUT life!