

Bible Study, Becoming More Like Jesus, Week 1

Day: 1 Be Like Jesus

Read Romans 8: 22-30

1. What is God's purpose with everyone He saves?
2. What does it mean to be completely formed in the image of His Son?
3. How does God change and form us in the image of His Son?
4. How important is it to live like Jesus? 1 John 2: 6
5. Name five of the most outstanding characteristics of Jesus' live
6. What does it mean, in a practical way, to follow Jesus' example? Ephesians 5: 1-5
7. What is the secret to becoming more and more like Jesus?
8. Further Reading:
 - Ezekiel 33: 7-16. Help each other to live a holy life
 - Psalm 25: 6-21. Get free of sin
 - 1 Peter 3: 8-12. What does Jesus' life look like?
 - 1 Peter 4: 1-11. Christ's life in practice
 - 1 Thessalonians 4: 3-8. Sanctification is God's will

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Day: 2 Form Religion Or A Personal Relationship

Read James 1: 25-27

1. What is the difference between a person with form religion and one with a personal relationship with God?
2. How did Jesus explain the difference?
 - Matthew 7: 21-23
 - Matthew 7: 1-8
3. How do people land up in "form religion?"

4. What was Jesus' promise to His followers who were afraid of being left alone without Him? John 14: 16-20
5. What is the essence of the command in 2 Corinthians 13: 5
6. Who are all the people that are living in a father-child relationship with God? John 1: 12
7. How do you approach a person that you want to help to move on from form religion to a personal relationship with God?
8. Further Reading:

- John 3: 1-21. Jesus helps a man with form religion
- Isaiah 29: 13-15. Religion from one person
- Revelations 3: 14-22. Despicable religion
- Exodus 33: 7-11. Moses' relationship with God
- Malachi 1: 6-10. Your offer is the test

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Day: 3 Prayer As A Way Of Life As Jesus' Example

Read Matthew 6: 9-13 And Ephesians 6: 18-20

1. Name the essentials about prayer that Paul mentions in verse 18.
2. Why is it important to pray for those leasing us?
3. Does Paul pray only for his own concerns all the time?
4. What does Romans 8: 26 tell us about prayer?
5. Do you think our relationship with God is more important than the real content of our prayers?
6. What do the following tell us about having a relationship with God and prayer as a relationship as Jesus had with His Father?
 - Luke 10: 21
 - Matthew 14L 18
 - John 11: 41-42
 - Matthew 7: 9-11
7. When prayer becomes a way of life, prayer will come as if on it's own, it will simply happen.

8. Do we still expect miracles when we pray?

9. Further Reading:

- Ephesians 6: 18-20. For whom and for what are we supposed to pray?
- 1 Timothy 2: 1-7. For whom do the people of faith have to pray?
- Colossians 4: 2-4. What should the attitude be of the person that prays?
- Exodus 32: 9-14. What can the result of a prayer answered have on the road of life of a believer?
- Psalm 23. Think about this Psalm and meditate on it.

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Day: 4 Being An Example In The Marriage

Read Genesis 2: 20-24

1. What are the characteristics of an exemplary marriage according to?

- Matthew 19: 4-6
- Hebrews 13: 4
- Ephesians 5: 25
- Titus 2: 4
- Philippians 2: 3-5

2. What is the reason for marriages not being like that any more?

3. What are the results of a bad marriage on?

- The marriage partners
- The children
- Your care group

4. What can the marriage partners do to improve their marriage and what can single persons do to make sure that their personal life is in line with what God wants?

5. Why are so many young girls not married yet?

6. What is keeping young men back from getting married?

7. Further Reading:

- 1 Corinthians 7: 1-9. Sexuality

- James 4: 1-12. When things go wrong
- James 3: 1-12. The power of words
- Ruth 2: 1-23. Love and respect
- Ephesians 5: 21-33. The love of submission

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Day: 5 Becoming More Like Jesus Every Day

Read: Ezekiel 47: 1-12

1. How deep are you standing in the water at the moment? (Ankle deep, knee deep, hip deep or swimming)
2. What is keeping us from growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus?
3. In which ways should we become more like Jesus according to 2 Timothy 3: 10-12?
4. How can parents help their children to become more like Jesus according to Deuteronomy 6: 5-9?
5. Discuss the following: "There is no such thing as problem children only problem parents."
6. What does our heavenly father do to let us become more like Jesus? Hebrews 2: 7-11
7. Discuss the following: "Discipline is the key to growth and sanctification"
8. Further Reading:
 - Colossians 3: 1-10. Guidelines to sanctification
 - James 4: 4-10. Ideas on how to become like Jesus
 - 1 Peter 5: 5-10. Peter shares the secret of growth
 - Romans 6: 19-23. Sanctification
 - Luke 9: 23-27 and 57-62. Become like Jesus

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Day: 6 Compromises

Read Matthew 6: 24

1. Even though compromises are quite acceptable in the political and diplomatic world it is totally unacceptable to God, why is it?

3. Why are the compromises in the following verses unacceptable to God?

- Matthew 22: 37-38
- James 4: 4-7
- 1 Peter 1: 14-19
- Revelations 3: 15-16

4. What do the following teach us about compromises?

- Joshua 24: 19-27
- 1 Samuel 15: 13-23

5. Name examples of compromises in today's life in the following:

- In people's spiritual lives
- On the theological front
- At the congregational level

Further Reading:

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| • Galatians 5: 16-26. | Opponents completely opposite each other |
| • 1 Peter 4: 1-5. | Flee from sin |
| • Romans 12: 1-2. | Live completely within God's will |
| • Nehemiah 10: 28-39. | Obedience in the smallest detail |
| • Romans 13: 11-14. | Temptation at the last minute |

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Day 7 Break With Sin

Read Isaiah 59

1. Discuss the following: "Christians have to make peace with the fact that they will never be without sin on this earth"

2. What is the difference between sin in the life of a Christian and sin in the life of a person that is not a believer?

3. What does Romans 6: 10-16 about the problem?

4. What advice will you give a Christian struggling with sin in his or her life?

5. Which truths in the Bible will help a Christian fight sin in his or her life?

- 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11
- Ephesians 4: 25-32

6. Make a list of the most common sins in all Christians

7. Confess those that you are guilty of

8. Further Reading:

- John 3: 5-12. A call for repentance
- 2 Chronicles 7: 12-22. God blesses and punishes
- James 1: 12-15. How do temptations work?
- Luke 15: 11-24. The results of sin
- Romans 3: 21-31. All are sinners

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