

LIKE JESUS

Jesus' life on earth was not only filled with teachings, but actions. This week we will look at the life of Jesus as an example of how we should live.

DAY 1: PRAY LIKE JESUS

Read: Matthew 6:5-14 , Psalm 4

Reflect & Pray: What is your prayer life like? Be honest. Does it bring you closer to God? Is it a check box on your to do list? Is it structured or freeform? Is it filled with praises to God or just a list of things you want? Prayer is how we communicate and deepen our relationship with God, and is a discipline that we all must grow in, through practice. There is no wrong way to pray, but Jesus did give us a guide in the Lord's Prayer. Pray using the Lord's prayer as a guide.

DAY 2: MOURN LIKE JESUS

Read: John 11:1-44, Psalm 77

Reflect: Jesus was both fully God and fully man while He was on earth, so He experienced human emotions. Jesus mourned Lazarus, even though He knew Lazarus would be raised from the dead. Mourning is a part of life in our fallen world. God doesn't ask us to shake off those feelings, but to invite Him in to meet you in that place. What is something you are mourning? How can you invite God into that place with you? Why can you praise God in the the midst of hurt and sadness? Pray. Be vulnerable with God, and call out to Him. Pray for peace that surpasses all understanding. Pray for God to meet you where you are and guide you. Pray for a Hope that only comes from Jesus.

DAY 3: SERVE LIKE JESUS

Read: John 13:34-35, John 17:20-23

Reflect & Pray: There are countless examples of how Jesus modeled serving others. When Jesus and the disciples traveled there were no paved roads and they wore sandals, so washing feet was a dirty task usually done by lowly servants. Jesus humbled himself to serve His disciples. That action showed Jesus' love and care for those closest to him. Reflect on a time that someone else has served you. What did you feel? What ways can you serve others this week? How does serving through action share the love of Christ? Pray- Praise God for Jesus and the example He gives us on how to love and serve others. Confess for sinning against others. Pray to see and hear opportunities to serve those closest to you this week.

DAY 4: TRUST LIKE JESUS

Read: Luke 22:39-46, Psalm 28

Reflect & Pray: At the Garden, Jesus knew what was coming- that he we would be arrested, convicted, and sentenced to a painful death on the cross. Jesus trusted in God's plan, knowing that God knew the entire picture and was working towards good for all. Where are some areas in your life that you're not trusting God? How do you trust like Jesus- that God's Will, not yours will be done? Pray and ask God to reveal the areas where you are not trusting Him. Pray that you surrender those things to God. Pray that your trust in God will continue to grow and that your peace and security comes from Him and not the things of this world.

DAY 5: LOVE LIKE JESUS

Read: Luke 23:26-49, Psalm 139

Reflect & Pray: Jesus is the ultimate example of self-sacrificial love when He died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. That act of love was atonement for our sins so that we could reconciled with God for eternity. Spend time with God- worship, pray, and reflect for what the work on the Cross means for your life. Share that with someone else.