

Becoming Like Jesus  
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Discussion and Reflection Guide

**The thing we do at church that sets us apart from everything else that changes lives is we help people become like Jesus**

This is the ultimate goal of church.

\*When it comes to impacting people, how is church different than positive cultural events/gatherings?

\*What similarities are there? What's missing?

**Jesus is different**

Becoming like Jesus requires us to do some things different than normal.

\*When you think about Jesus' life what are some of the ways he was radically different than people, than you?

\*In your journey with Jesus are there ways you have already seen yourself become much different than normal?

**The life that you are after is so radically different than your current life; to experience it you will have to change everything**

Read and discuss Luke 18:18-29 (NIV)

*<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*<sup>19</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.' "*

*<sup>21</sup> "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.*

*<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

*<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."*

*<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"*

*<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."*

*<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"*

*<sup>29</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."*

\*What do you see about what Jesus was calling this ruler to? What is unsettling about what he is asking?

\*How do you identify with this man? Are you coming to him, looking for something you don't have?

\*Does this passage seem to be about getting into heaven or about living in the Kingdom of God? Why does it matter?

**If we are going to be like Jesus, we aren't talking self-improvement... we are talking transformation**

Out of his love for us Jesus will ask us to think differently about core areas in our life.

\*Do you look at your life with Jesus more as self-improvement or transformation? What needs to shift in your mindset?

\*What is the “one thing you lack” conversation Jesus is seeking to have with you? What is holding you back from transformation?

\*Are you willing to ask the Spirit to help you be open to the idea that what Jesus calls us to is not just a variation on “normal life”?