

THIS: Attune to the Spirit

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Discussion and Reflection Guide

The point of the Christian life is to become like Jesus. To be formed into the image of Christ.

Jesus life was about communion with God and the byproduct of that communion produced everything else.

*** Has there been some aspect of following Jesus or the Christian life that you have overemphasized or made the main goal instead of becoming like Jesus?**

If we want to be transformed from what we are into this new life we were created for...

A life that flows from connection and fellowship with God. Then - The most important thing for us to do is THIS: walk by the Spirit. Staying attuned to the Holy Spirit. Listening to the Holy Spirit.

Read and discuss John 16:7, John 14:25 and John 15:26 (NIV)

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you (John 16 – NIV)

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14 – NIV)

26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. (John 15 – NIV)

*** What does Jesus tell us the Holy Spirit is going to do? How does the Holy Spirit help us become like Christ?**

*** Who has access to the Holy Spirit?**

Walking by the Spirit means responding to the inner nudge of God towards the values of his Kingdom. And living in a posture of openness and attention to that leading.

If we are going to walk by the Spirit we need to study scripture to learn how the Spirit works, and to learn the value of the Kingdom of God. If we are going to walk by the Spirit we have to do what the early church did and dialogue with each other about those things we think the Spirit is saying to us.

*** How does studying scripture and dialoguing with other believers about what we sense the Holy Spirit is leading us towards help us?**

*** What comes naturally or is difficult to you about talking with others about what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**