

## SESSION 4 - HOW DO WE LIVE LIKE JESUS?

How do we actually do what he did? As apprentices of Jesus, we are called to not only follow Jesus in spirit but we are called to continue his work on earth as it is in heaven. This means healing the sick, praying for the lost, opening up our homes and our lives to those far from God. The end goal is to do what he did. In this teaching, we explore the next steps in forming our lives around the practices of Jesus.

### Come follow me...

Matt 4:18-20

*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

**Q1. Where are you on your journey of 'following Jesus'? Create some time to check-in with each other, and pray for one another on our journey's of faith.**

### Knowing who Jesus is

**Q2. Who is Jesus to you? What image / character / attributes to you have of Him. As we can only transform into the image of Jesus we know...**

### Doing what Jesus did - Jesus sends out the disciples

Matt 10:1-8

*Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, <sup>[a]</sup> drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*

Mark 16:15-18

*<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

**Q3. From the great commission, what are the 'do's that you believe we should be doing as a Church, and how do we grow further in this.**

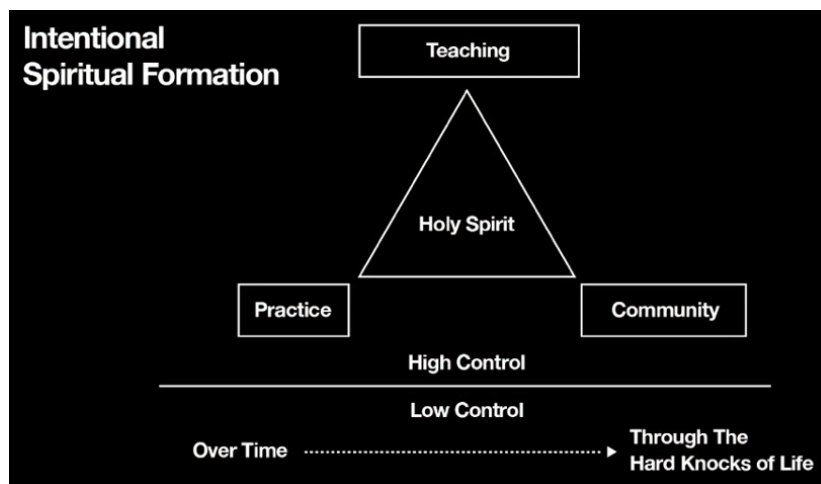
**Q4. Spend some time exploring what it means for us to be active in our Faith**

### Further Notes

In line with our series here is some additional notes and questions in how we can explore our growth in Jesus, which will be explored more as we continue to unpack the series.

### **Five key thoughts**

1. Spiritual formation paradigm
  - To grow and mature into the kind of person who can join in with Jesus kingdom work, through practice, teaching, community and with the Holy Spirit in the centre of everything



2. Know your stage of discipleship and season of life
  - Stage of discipleship
    - New, just getting to know God
    - Know God and pushing deeper

- Mature, Been a disciple for a good while and heavily involved in ministry
    - Seasons – Jesus started ministry at 30. What did he do before? We don't know
    - What would Jesus do... if He were me in my situation
- 3. Do not underestimate the power of just practicing the way of Jesus in community
  - 1 Pet 2:11-12 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.
  - Dallas Willard “There is a special evangelistic work to be done, of course, and there are special callings to it. But if those churches really are enjoying fullness of life, evangelism will be unstoppable and largely automatic. The local assembly, for its part, can then become an academy where people throng from the surrounding community to learn how to live. It will be a school of life (for a disciple is but a pupil, a student) where all aspects of that life seen in the New Testament records are practiced and mastered under those who have themselves mastered them through practice. Only by taking this as our immediate goal can we intend to carry out the Great Commission.”
- 4. Start with the basics: eat with people far from God
  - What did Jesus do?
    - Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
  - How did Jesus do it?
    - Luke 7:34 “The Son of Man came eating and drinking.”
    - Rom 12:13 practice hospitality
- 5. Live in the moment
  - Lots of these things cannot be scheduled, they will be interruptions
  - Often with Jesus healing stories he was on his way somewhere, and was interrupted
  - We need to pay attention
  - Notice people, and notice where they are at
  - Pray to be present, not dwelling in the past or getting lost in the future