

LIKE
JESUS

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- Being like Jesus is not a matter of **willpower** but **God's** power.
- Being like Jesus is about our **heart** and our **head**, the behavior will take care of itself. Do not be shaped by this world; instead **be changed within by a new way of thinking**. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect. Romans 12:2 (NCV)

Put on your new nature, and be renewed **as you learn to know your Creator** and **become like him**. Colossians 3:10 (NLT)

Attitude Defined:

- A settled way of thinking about someone or something; typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

Two issues that comprise our attitude

- What's my **motivation**?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

To understand the heart of Jesus we have to understand his love for the **weak**.

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Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Philippians 2:5-6

(Jesus) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage... Philippians 2:6 (NIV)

- What's my core **mission**?

To understand the heart of Jesus we have to understand he lived to **help people**.

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

...rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:7-8

3 ways I live out the attitude of Jesus:

- **Humility**.

"...[he] made himself nothing... he humbled himself..." Philippians 2:7a

Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29 (NLT)

- **Servanthood**.

"...[he] took the very nature of a servant..." Philippians 2:7a b

Service wasn't a **position** beneath Jesus, but the **privilege** before Jesus.

But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. Matthew 20:25 (NLT)

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:26-28 (NLT)

- **Sacrificial love**.

"...and became obedient to death - even death on a cross." Philippians 2:8b (NIV)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8 (NLT)

You never have to **doubt** God's love for you because of the **greatness of the sacrifice** he made for you.

For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son. Romans 8:29 (TLB)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words what does it mean to be like Jesus? Why do our behaviors change as our values change?
- How does our motivation affect our attitude towards others? Do you agree that the world operates by the pecking order? Explain. In the world's pecking order the fit destroy the weak. Describe Jesus' heart for the weak and how he turned the pecking order upside down.
- What is the mission of our relationships? How does understanding Jesus' mission for others change our behavior?
- How does humility give us an attitude like Jesus? What does humility mean?
- How does servanthood give us an attitude like Jesus? How can servanthood be a motivating attitude in our lives?
- How does sacrificial love give us an attitude like Jesus? Why is sacrificial love a necessary attitude for our lives?
- What are some of the values you see in Jesus that motivate his behavior?

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