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Group Discussion Guide





VIDEO #1 – FULLNESS.

Life with Jesus is an invitation into the adventure of a lifetime!

OVERVIEW

Life with Jesus is an invitation into an adventure in all of life; however, many people just settle for a version of life that is about attending an event or trying to behave. The fullness of life that Jesus invites us into takes an “All In”, wholehearted pursuit. This Life Series video is meant to help you go “All In” that you might experience the fullness of life Jesus offers!

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO TRULY SATISFIES OUR GREATEST LONGINGS AND DESIRES.
- THERE IS AN ENEMY WHO WANTS US TO MISS OUT ON THE FULLNESS JESUS OFFERS.
- FULLNESS IS FOUND IN LOVE... LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After watching the video by yourself or as a group, please go through the following discussion/reflection questions to help these truths sink into your heart and mind. These questions are simply meant to guide you, so feel free to go off script and do not feel pressure to “get through” all the questions, they are simply meant to generate discussion and draw you closer to Jesus. Also, at the end of this section there will be some follow-up activities to help put these concepts into practice.

Objective #1 – Jesus is the only one who truly satisfies our greatest longings and desires.

Read John 10:10.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (Jesus, John 10:10 NIV)

Q: What are things that you have tried to find abundant life in? What things have others you know tried? What was the result of those pursuits in the short-term and the long-term?

Q: What do you think Jesus means that he wants you to have life and have life “to the full” (other translations say “more abundantly”)?

Q: We still have difficulties in life, so how do we still experience the abundant life of Jesus when we also experience these hardship/trials/difficulties in life? Can you think of any examples where you went through a difficult time, yet in the long run it made you stronger in some way?

Q: Do all Christians experience this full life that Jesus offers? Why or why not?

Objective #2 – There is an enemy who wants us to miss out on the fullness Jesus offers.

Reread John 10:10.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (Jesus, John 10:10 NIV)

Q: Jesus says there is an enemy who wants to steal, kill and destroy. In what ways does the enemy do this? Have you experienced this in your own life and if so, how?

Review & Reflect. The only way we can begin experiencing this full life is through a personal relationship with God! This is the good news of the GOSPEL:

God created us to be with Him.

Our sins separate us from God.

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever!

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Q: Have you placed your trust in Jesus alone? If not, is there anything keeping you from placing your trust in Jesus alone right now? If there is, what is it and what would it take to overcome it? (See Romans 10:9-10)

Q: Is the enemy deceiving you from embracing Jesus's offer of abundant life through his lies: "God can't love me", "I've done too many things wrong", "I'm a good person and don't need Jesus", etc... And if so how?

Deep Thought: If you have placed your trust in Jesus alone, then you have eternal life and you are on your way to living a life full of adventure with God! Eternal life is not just a quantity of time, where we live forever, but a quality of life! This quality of life only happens through our relationship with God. The degree that you invest in your relationship with God is the degree to which you will experience the abundant, full life, as life itself is actually found in Him!

Objective #3 – Fullness is found in love... Loving God and Loving Others.

Read John 17:3.

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (Jesus, John 17:3 NIV)

Note: There are two words for "know" in the original language. One word means to just to "know" something or someone **intellectually**. The other word for "know", which we find in this verse is to know someone or something **experientially**.

Q: What's the difference between knowing God intellectually versus knowing God experientially?

Review & Reflect. Jesus gets to the heart of what truly knowing God is, when several religious leaders tried to stump Him by asking Him what the greatest commandment is in the Law. Jesus responded with, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the

Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37-40 NIV) Jesus makes it all about love...loving God and loving others!

Q: What does it look like to love God with all of your heart, soul and mind?

Q: What does it look like to “love your neighbor as yourself”?

Deep Thought: In order to experience this full life, it takes going “all in”. We do that by loving God and loving others. As we will see, JESUS already went all in for us when he came to this earth, lived a perfect life, overcame temptation, died on the cross for our sins, and then rose from the dead... As you embrace this truth, you will experience how Jesus fulfills your greatest longings. He will enable you to go “All In”!

Read Matthew 5:6.

“Blessed [joyful, nourished by God’s goodness] are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness [those who actively seek right standing with God], for they will be [completely] satisfied. (Jesus, Matthew 5:6 Amplified)

Q: What things can keep us from going “all-in” for Jesus? Are there any things keeping you from going “all-in” for Him?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

Every video will have a section of activities for you to go through to start putting these truths into practice and further wrestle with them! See below for the first activity.

Activity #1 – This first “activity” is more of a personal reflection. Take time now or later this week to write out (in a journal or a note app on your phone) why you chose to believe in Jesus, if you have. Things to potentially include are:

- What things previously hindered you from experiencing fullness of life before you trusted in him (struggles, sin, doubts, beliefs, distractions, etc.)?
- When was it that trusting in Jesus made sense to you? Why did you decide to believe in Jesus?
- What difference has Jesus made in your life so far?
- In what ways do you still need Jesus to make a difference in your life?
- What are some things about Jesus you wish people who don't know Jesus knew?
- Who is one friend you could share some of this with? Do it.



VIDEO #2 – KNOWING.

Life with Jesus is more than knowing about Him, its truly knowing Him!

OVERVIEW

Life with Jesus is more than knowing about Him, it's truly knowing and experiencing Him in everyday life. In this Life Series video Zane shows how studying the Bible is one of the key ways we grow in knowing Jesus and the fullness of joy that comes from truly knowing Him. This Life Series video is meant to help you experience the difference between just knowing about the Jesus of the Bible, and truly knowing Jesus in life, as He is revealed through the Bible.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD AND REVEALS WHO HE IS, HIS LIFE-GIVING PLANS FOR US, AND HIS TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE.
- JUST LIKE WITH ALL RELATIONSHIPS, A CRITICAL PART OF LOVING GOD IS EXPERIENCING THE JOY OF CONTINUALLY KNOWING HIM BETTER.
- GOD HAS GIVEN US MANY AVENUES OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT HIM AND IN ALL OF THEM WE SHOULD SEEK TO NOT JUST KNOW ABOUT HIM BUT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Objective #1 – The Bible is God’s Word and reveals who He is, His life-giving plans for us, and His Truth that sets us free.

Q: What is something that you would consider yourself to be knowledgeable about? How did you get knowledgeable about that subject?

Deep Thought: Have you ever developed an interest in a subject and then your interest turned into a passion, where you found yourself wanting to get to know that subject, sport, instrument, or hobby better? The same is true of God! Once we truly grasp how much God loves us, when we think about how Jesus died in our place on the cross for our sins, then we can’t help but want to get to know God better! It takes time, but the reward is totally worth it!

Read John 8:31-32.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32 ESV)

Q: One of the marks of being a disciple of Jesus is abiding in His Word. What does it mean to abide in His Word? How is this different than simply knowing His Word?

Q: How does the Truth bring freedom to our lives?

Q: How have you personally experienced freedom from the truth of God’s Word? Where do you need to embrace His truth to see freedom in places you are bound?

Read 2nd Timothy 3:16-17.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2nd Timothy 3:16-17 ESV)

Q: In what ways, based on these verses, does the Word of God help us to learn to live life like Jesus? Come up with an example from the Bible of each one of these different ways.

Objective #2 – Just like with all relationships, a critical part of Loving God is experiencing the joy of continually knowing Him better.

Read Philippians 3:8-10a.

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings... (Apostle Paul, Philippians 3:8-10a ESV)

Note: In this passage the Apostle Paul is writing to the Church at Philippi describing his own personal relationship with Jesus, both what it means and how it has impacted his life! It is a truly inspiring description for each one of us, especially coming from someone that at one time persecuted and imprisoned Christians.

Q: How important was it to the Apostle Paul to know Jesus and grow in that knowledge? What was he willing to do to continue to grow in that knowledge?

Q: Why did the Apostle Paul place such an importance on knowing Jesus and being in relationship with Him?

Q: The Apostle Paul also describes two specific ways that he desired to grow in his knowledge of Jesus, including the “power of His resurrection” and “share in (know experientially) His sufferings”. What does Paul mean by this? Why would this be important to him and also to us?

Q: How does this inspire you to grow in the experience and joy of knowing Jesus more? What does this mean for you practically?

Objective #3 – God has given us many avenues of learning more about him and in all of them we should seek to not just know about him but know him personally.

Q: What are some different ways you can think to grow in your knowledge of who God is and how to live like Jesus (i.e. Sermons, Bible Study...)? Think of as many as you can.

Read Psalms 1:1-4.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. (Psalms 1:1-4 ESV)

Q: What does it mean to meditate day and night? How is this different than reading a book or listening to a sermon?

Q: What is the stated benefit of meditating on and delighting in God's Truth? Are there consequences to meditating on or being surrounded by words and thoughts opposed to God's Truth?

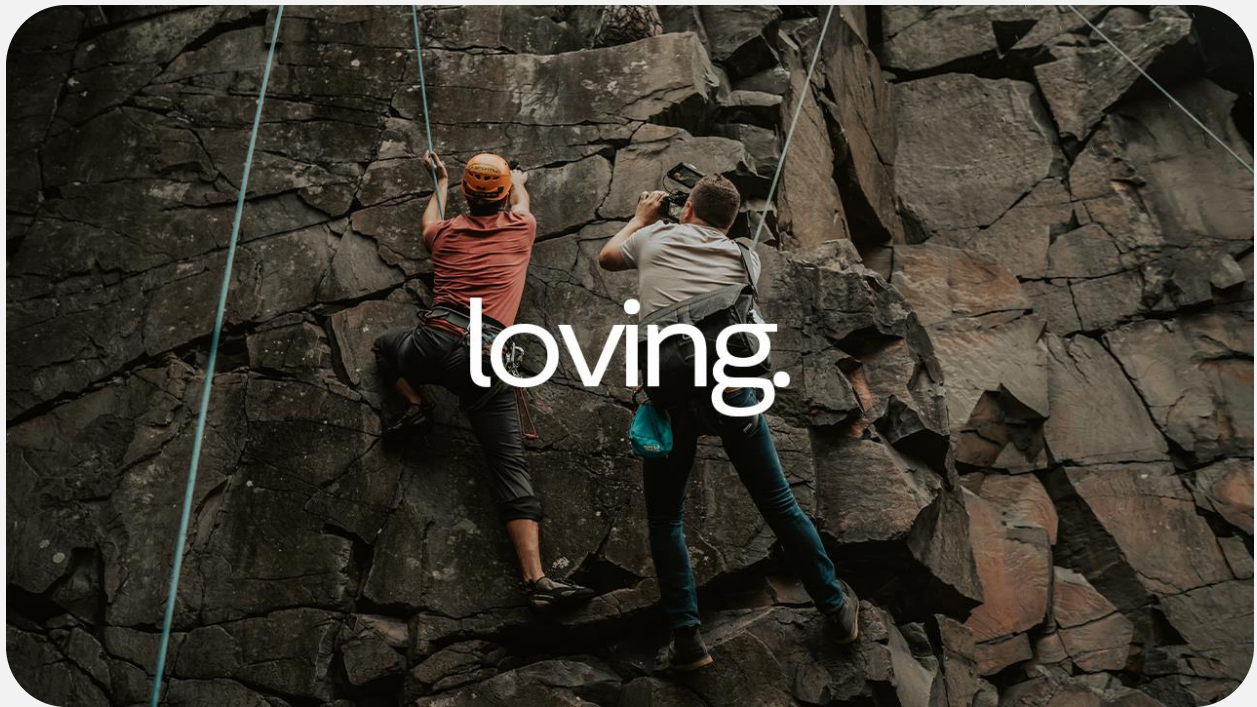
Q: How do you typically learn best (reading, discussing, hands-on, etc...)? How would you apply your preferred learning style(s) to faith related matters?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity #1 – Pick 1 verse to memorize this week. Possible verses include: John 10:10, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 1:1-4 (Go big!), or a verse that has been impactful for you.

Activity #2 – Did you know you could read through the entire Bible in just 15 minutes per day. Plan to spend 15 minutes each day (morning or evening) reading the Bible. Consider starting in the book of John.



VIDEO #3 – LOVING.

Life with Jesus is founded on a love and trust of Him who gave it all!

OVERVIEW

Life with Jesus is founded on a love and trust of Him who gave His life that we might experience life. Even as followers of Jesus we still fail in life and struggle with sin. Our battle against sin can cause doubts in our hearts and minds. The more we trust in the finished work of Jesus on the cross, the more it gives us freedom in life to love God with all we have. As we trust in His love for us, it will stir in us a wholehearted pursuit of Him. This Life Series video is aimed at helping you to live in that freedom.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- GOD IS CALLING US TO PUT HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE IN OUR HEARTS.
- WE OFTEN FAIL TO LOVE GOD FULLY, BUT WHERE WE FAIL, HE IS FAITHFUL.
- THERE ARE COUNTLESS WAYS WE CAN EXPRESS OUR LOVE FOR GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE, WHICH IS WHAT WORSHIP REALLY IS.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Objective #1 – God is calling us to put Him above all else in our hearts.

Read Matthew 22:34-38.

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him [Jesus] a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. (Matthew 22:34-38 ESV)

Q: Sum up in your own words the greatest commandment that God gives to us, above all others. Why do you think that this one is more important than any others?

Q: What place in your heart does God desire? Why does God deserve to be in that place within our hearts?

Deep Thought: God calls us to put Him above all else in our hearts, but the way that He captures our hearts is by putting us above all else, which He proved through the death and suffering of Jesus. He inspires us to radically love and pursue Him above everything else, because He demonstrated that radical love to and for us!

Q: What has that top place in your heart? God, a person, a thing, yourself? Does this change for time to time or is it consistent?

Read 1st John 4:18-19.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. (1st John 4:18-19 ESV)

Q: Does our love for God begin with us? What does this say about the importance of knowing the love of God for ourselves?

Q: If we know that God loves us perfectly, do we need to fear? How does this safety and security empower us in going “All-In” with our lives for Him?

Objective #2 – We often fail to love God fully, but where we fail, He is faithful.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV)

Note: This passage describes Jesus as our High Priest. The High Priest in the Old Testament was someone who went to God on behalf of the people to atone (pay or cover) with a sacrifice for our sins. When Jesus ascended into heaven after His Resurrection, He replaced all previous High Priests and became the eternal High Priest who goes before God on our behalf because of our sins continually!

Q: Why, is Jesus going through the same struggles we do, important for His role as our High Priest? What encouragement does that provide for us? How does it affect how we go to God with our sins and struggles?

Q: What does it mean “let us approach the throne of Grace with confidence”?

Read Luke 22:31-34.

And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.” (Luke 22:31-34 NKJV)

Note: In this passage Jesus is talking to one of His Disciples Peter shortly before He was to go to the cross and die. Here He is preparing His Disciples for that reality and other things that they will face in the upcoming difficult season. In the end, Peter ends up denying Jesus three times. When Peter fails, Jesus remains faithful. Jesus later restores Peter after His Resurrection and Peter goes on to preach the first Gospel sermon and thousands place faith in Jesus.

Q: Jesus didn't say that He would pray that Peter would escape trials or even sin, His prayer was the Peter's faith would not fail in the midst of the trials. What does this say about the importance of trusting God in trials and circumstances?

Q: Jesus tells Peter, "and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren (brothers)." (See Luke 22:32 in passage above). What does Jesus mean by "returned to Me"?

Q: When you sin do you tend to turn back to God or turn away with shame and feelings of guilt and inadequacy? Are there areas in your life you need to "turn again" to God?

Q: Once we have turned back, does Jesus want us to wallow in guilt over our sin or get back in the game?

Read James 5:16.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16 ESV)

Q: When we sin, what do we learn about the role others can play in our restoration from this verse? What role can we play in the life of others who sin?

Objective #3 – There are countless ways we can express our love for God above all else, which is what worship really is.

Read Romans 12:1.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1 ESV)

Q: What does it mean to present yourself as a living sacrifice? How does this demonstrate your love for God?

Q: It says that this act is our "spiritual worship". How is this different from what you normally think of as worship? What does this mean to you practically?

Read 1st John 4:10-12.

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (1st John 4:10-12 ESV)

Q: Do you normally think about your love for others reflecting the love of God inside of us?

Q: Why would these be linked, the love of God and love of others (think about what other people mean to God)?

Q: How does this change how you think about the importance of loving others?

Read Hebrews 13:15-16.

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:15-16 ESV)

Q: What do we learn from this passage about other ways we can demonstrate love for God? How can you incorporate these into your life?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity PREP – Review the different ways of expressing the love you have for God in your heart and come up with any additional ones we might have missed. One of the best ways to communicate the love in our hearts for God is by praying or having a conversation with God. One simple way to remember some of the different aspects of prayer is through the P.R.A.Y. acronym.

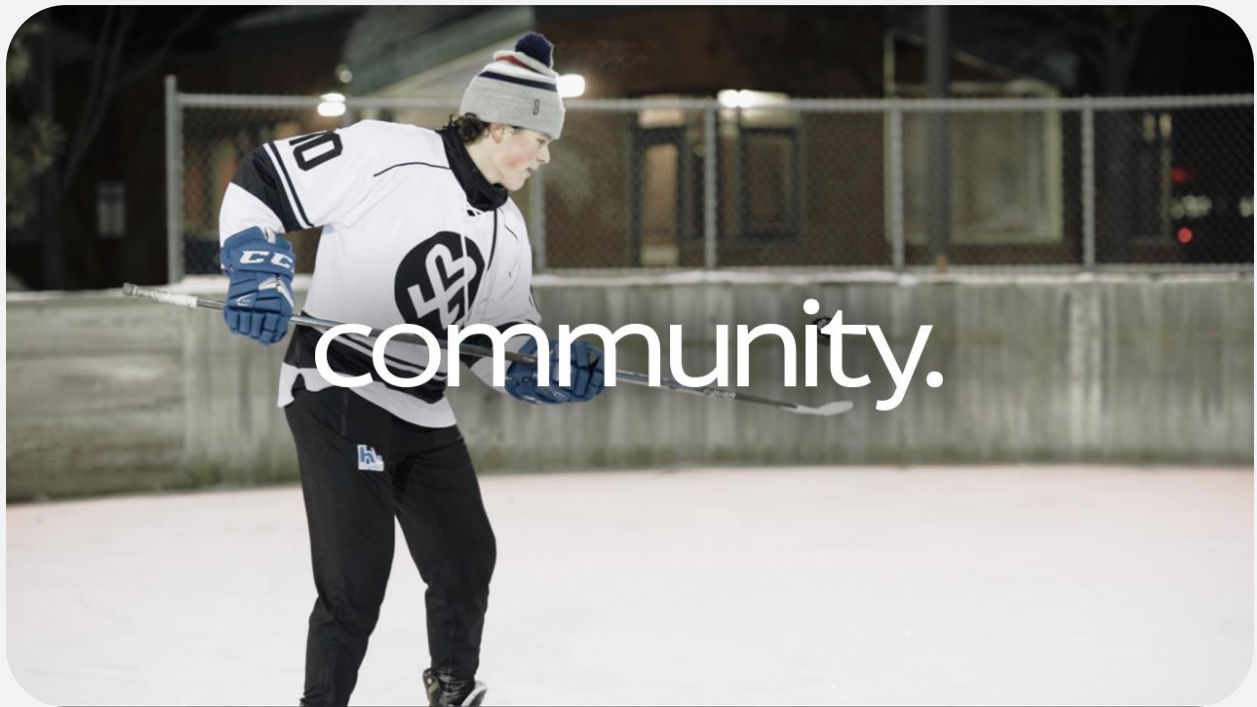
Praise – Thanking God for who He is, what He has done, and what He has promised He will do!

Request – Requesting the things that you need and also for the needs of others, both spiritual and physical.

Admit – Confess and repent or turn from the things where your heart has strayed from loving God and others.

Yield – Embrace God's plan and will for your life and those around you, knowing and trusting that it is the best and an expression of love and sacrifice to Him. What areas do you need to yield/embrace God's plan in?

Activity #1 – Over the coming week commit to going through the PRAY outline once a day. Find a time: morning, midday, before bed? Also, find a place like in your room or on a walk. My favorite is longboarding at sunset...and when I get to a big hill, I pray like I have never prayed before!



VIDEO #4 – COMMUNITY.

Life with Jesus is being part of a family that loves and sacrifices for one another!

OVERVIEW

As Christians we are included into the family of God and we are called to love one another sacrificially in this life. This isn't always easy to do, but there is a joy and a blessing that comes as we live a life that sacrifices for one another. This Life Series video is meant to encourage you to not miss out on the joy and blessing of community.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- JESUS SAID THE WAY WE LOVE OTHERS IS ONE WAY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW WE ARE HIS DISCIPLES.
- CHURCH IS NOT JUST A BUILDING, BUT A VIBRANT, NECESSARY COMMUNITY OF JESUS FOLLOWERS WHO ARE BOTH SUPPORTIVE AND MISSIONAL.
- GOD HAS GIVEN EACH BELIEVER UNIQUE AND NECESSARY GIFTS AND CALLINGS TO LOVINGLY BUILD EACH OTHER UP THAT WE ALL MIGHT EXPERIENCE HIS ABUNDANT LIFE.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Objective #1 – Jesus said the way we love others is one way people would know we are His Disciples.

Read John 13:34-35.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jesus, John 13:34-35 ESV)

Q: Jesus says to His followers that we are to love one another as He has loved us. What would loving fellow believers in this way look like practically?

Q: Where have you seen this type of love demonstrated amongst believers or where have you seen it lacking?

Q: Jesus said that loving others in this way would let people know we follow Him. Why does Jesus put an emphasis on our radical love for one another as an important sign to the world that we are His?

Q: In what ways can you begin to practically love fellow believers with the same love that Jesus does?

Objective #2 – Church is not just a building, but a vibrant, necessary community of Jesus followers who are both supportive and missional.

Read Acts 2:42-47.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all

the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47 NIV)

Note: This passage takes place during the time of the early church, shortly after Jesus was resurrected and ascended into heaven. In here we see the characteristics of the vibrant early church community led by Jesus's original disciples.

Q: What sticks out to you about the believers in the early church (think in both terms of attitude and action)?

Q: How do these attitudes and actions differ from what you have seen and experienced in your own life?

Q: What things surprised you when reading about the early church? What things would you like to incorporate into your church community and how would you do that?

Q: What does this verse say about how a vibrant faith community impacts reaching the lost? Why do you think that is?

Objective #3 – God has given each believer unique and necessary gifts and callings to lovingly build each other up that we all might experience His abundant life.

Read Romans 12:4-8.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8, ESV)

Note: In this passage the Apostle Paul refers to us as a Body with many parts and just like a human body each part must be healthy and play its part well for the whole body to be whole and effective. Feel free to also read 1st Corinthians 12 if you want to explore more on gifts and the Body of Christ.

Q: Who is it that gives us the abilities and gifts to play our part? Do we have any decision in what role we play or is it assigned? Do we have any decision in how well we fulfill our role?

Q: Here we see a list of gifts and abilities that people might have. Is this an exhaustive list or are there others and if so what might they be?

Q: Where have you seen these gifts and abilities used well with the Church Body? Where have you seen them lacking?

Q: In what way do you see these gifts helping the overall health of the Church Body? In what ways have some of these gifts caused harm or division?

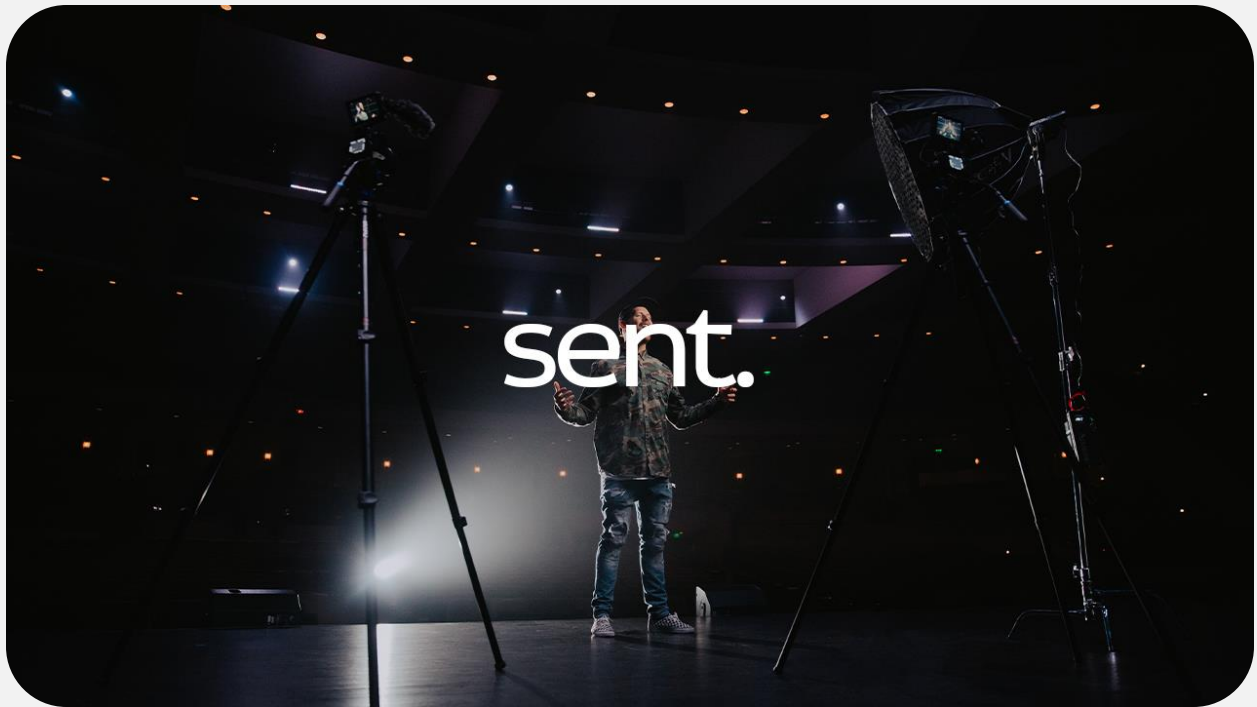
PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity #1 – Take some time and reflect on what you have in terms of time, talent and treasure (money and material possessions) and in what ways you can share those things and support other believers. To help with this you can take one of several gift and/or personality assessments like StrengthsFinder, Enneagram, or Spiritual Gifts Inventory.

Activity #2 – Based on what you come up with from Activity #1, make a list of a couple ways you can use what God has given you to show sacrificial love to others. Then do these things!

Activity #3 – Come up with a plan on how you might grow and further develop your gifts and talents. This can be through finding a mentor, practicing abilities, or volunteering. Start that process!



VIDEO #5 – SENT.

Life with Jesus is living on mission to make Him known in powerful and practical ways!

OVERVIEW

There are people in this life who are longing for hope and love, and God desires to work through us in meeting those needs. When we are willing to step out and be the hands, feet, and voice of God, there is a blessing and joy that others receive and that we get as well. This Life Series video is meant to encourage you to live in such a way that you experience that joy and blessing daily.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- GOD'S HEART IS FOR THE BROKEN AND LOST AND HE GIVES US THE AWESOME PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF WHAT HE IS DOING TO REACH THEM.
- HIS STRATEGY FOR REACHING OTHERS IS FOR US TO GO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL PEOPLE.
- WE LOVE THE LOST AND HURTING BY SHARING WITH THEM THE LOVE OF JESUS BOTH THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Objective #1 – God’s heart is for the broken and lost and He gives us the awesome privilege to be part of what He is doing to reach them.

Read Matthew 9:36-38.

When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:36-38 NIV)

Q: According to this passage what compelled Jesus to have compassion towards others?

Q: How are the people around you like the crowds in this passage? Do you feel like the people in this passage?

Q: What is the harvest field and what does it mean that the harvest is plentiful? What does it mean to be a worker in this field?

Q: What is the first thing Jesus instructs his disciples to do in response to those that are hurting? What does this mean for us?

Deep Thought: As we pray, God works in the hearts of those who are His to go out into the harvest fields to love others and make Jesus known! Prayer not only impacts others hearts but ours as well. As you pray for others, you will start to see how those around you are hurting through a new perspective. You will grow to have a heart of compassion for them and then you will start looking for ways to care for them and ultimately share Jesus with them!

Objective #2 – His strategy for reaching others is for us to go make disciples of all people.

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

Note: This passage takes place shortly after Jesus was raised from the dead where He is giving His followers their new mission going forward in life. Essentially, it is the strategy for how to reach the world and bring the restorative power of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. These instructions by Jesus are often known as The Great Commission.

Q: What does it mean to be a disciple? (Read Luke 6:40 for more insight.)

Q: What is the relationship between discipleship and evangelism? Is discipleship the same as evangelism, completely different, or is evangelism a part of the discipleship process?

Q: Why does Jesus call us to be baptized, what does this represent? (Read Romans 6:4 for more insight.) Have you been baptized? If not, consider following Jesus in obeying this command.

Q: Jesus also says, “teaching them to observe (or obey) all that I have commanded.” Why is obeying what Jesus taught an important part of discipleship? What areas do you personally need to grow in obeying what Jesus taught?

Q: Do you have people in your life that are helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus? Who are you helping in the process of being a disciple of Jesus? What does that look like?

Activity Break: Think about using this video series with a younger believer to help them grow as a disciple of Jesus. Come up with a quick plan for how to do that and with whom.

Objective #3 – We love the lost and hurting by sharing with them the love of Jesus both through our words and actions.

Read 1st Thessalonians 2:8

We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. (Apostle Paul, 1st Thessalonians 2:8)

Q: What sticks out to you about this verse?

Q: Why is it important to share the Gospel along with sharing your life? What does that practically look like in your school, sports team, friend group, family, etc...?

Read James 1:27.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27 ESV)

Q: What do we learn from this about God's heart for the practical needs of the least of those, the broken and hurting?

Q: What is the danger of only caring for others' physical or emotional needs but failing to share the Gospel with them?

Q: What is the danger of sharing the Gospel with others but failing to care for others' physical and emotional needs?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

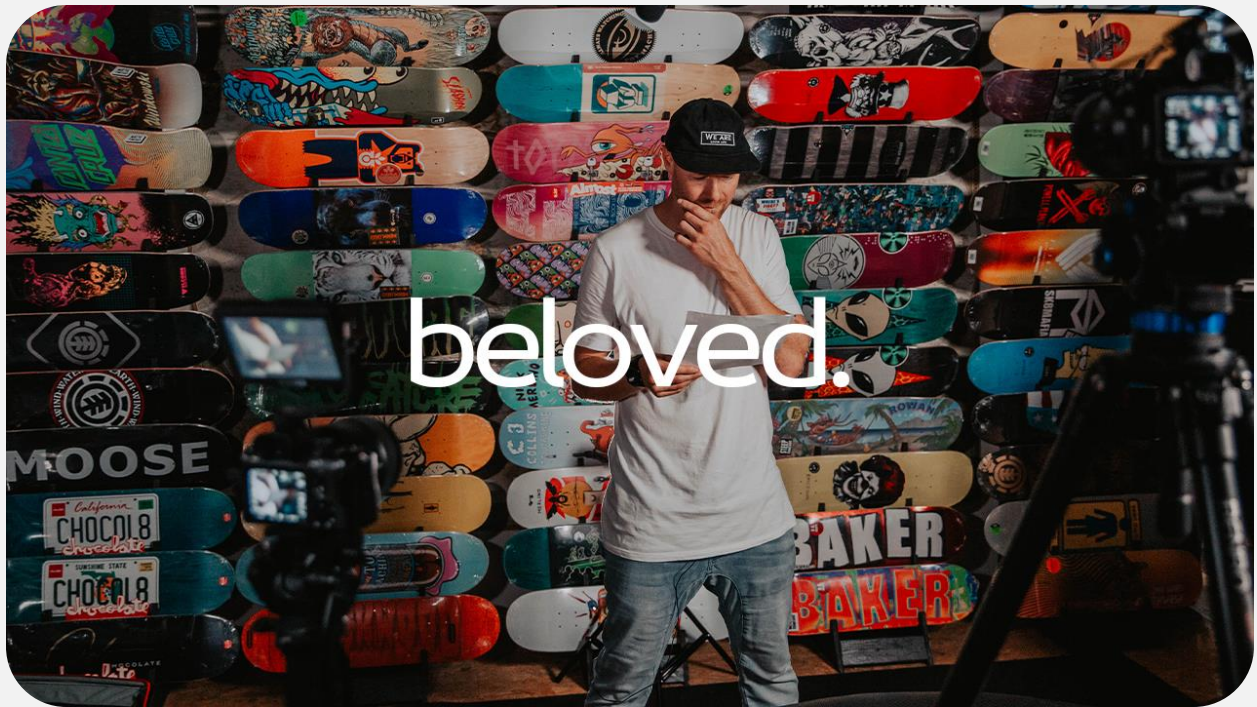
The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity #1 PRAYER – Make a list of people in your life who don't know Jesus yet. Spend some time praying for them each day over the next week and asking God to give you His heart for them, for their heart to be open, and for opportunities to share the love of Jesus with them.

Activity #2 CARE– Connect with one or more of the people on your list by meeting up, sending an encouraging message, writing a letter, or even setting up a video chat. Things to include as part of your conversation might be to ask about their life story, asking how they are doing and how you can pray for them, and see if there are any physical needs that you can help with.

Activity #3 SHARE – With that friend, also share about what God has done in your life and how He has made a difference. Share the good news of the life changing message of the GOSPEL.

Resources – Check out the *Life in 6 Words* App that will help you sharing the Good News of The Gospel by [clicking here](#). Also, check out this Ask, Admire, Admit video for more information on how to start a Gospel conversation by [clicking here](#).



VIDEO #6 – BELOVED.

Life with Jesus flows from His love for us!

OVERVIEW

We started this life series by talking about going “All In” for Jesus, but what is most important is to know that He went “All In” for you when He sacrificially gave His life to pay our debt of sin on the cross. The purpose of this Life Series video is to help you claim His love and rest in His love that you might freely and fully live.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- **WHEN IT COMES TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, HE IS THE ONE WHO INITIATED IT AND HE SUSTAINS IT.**
- **IT IS GOD’S DESIRE THAT WE NOT ONLY KNOW ABOUT HIS LOVE, BUT THAT WE RADICALLY EXPERIENCE IT.**
- **ABUNDANT LIFE FLOWS FROM HIS LOVE AND IF WE FOCUS ON ABIDING IN THAT LOVE IT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SPILL OVER BACK TO HIM AND EVERYONE AROUND US.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After watching the video by yourself or as a group, please go through the following discussion/reflection questions to help these truths sink into your heart and mind. These questions are simply meant to guide you, so feel free to go off script and follow the discussion or your thoughts wherever it takes you to fully explore and embrace the Objectives!

Objective #1 – When it comes to our relationship with God, He is the one who initiated it and He sustains it.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19a.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself... that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them... (2nd Corinthians 5:18-19a ESV)

Q: What does it mean to be reconciled? Likewise, what does it mean that God reconciled us to himself? What part did Jesus play in that?

Q: God needed to send Jesus to reconcile us to himself. Why did we need to be reconciled in the first place?

Q: Have you ever needed to be reconciled to someone who has wronged you? Was it difficult? Compare your feelings in trying to be reconciled with what God did for you and the world.

Read Deuteronomy 31:8.

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV)

Q: What do we learn about God’s faithfulness from this verse concerning our relationship with Him? What does that mean for us practically?

Q: Do you believe or live like this is true? How should the truth of God being with us and never leaving us impact our lives?

Objective #2 – It is God’s desire that we not only know about His love, but that we radically experience it.

Read Ephesians 3:14-19.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Apostle Paul, Ephesians 3:14-19 ESV)

Note: In this passage the Apostle Paul is writing a letter to the believers or church at the city of Ephesus. In the middle of the letter he spends some time writing out a prayer to the people in that city, expressing his desire for them before God.

Q: What is the essence of Paul’s prayer for these people? In your own words describe what he is desiring for these people.

Q: In this prayer is Paul’s desire that God’s people be strengthened. What things in this passage does Paul say will bring us strength?

Q: The prayer concludes with the idea that we would know “the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge”. What do you think this means? Have you ever experienced this?

Read Galatians 4:6.

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” (Galatians 4:6 ESV)

Q: We have been adopted as beloved sons and daughters of God. How does God help us to know the love of the Father? Have you ever experienced this?

Activity Break: Take a moment and pray for this truth for yourself and those around you!

Objective #3 – Abundant Life flows from His Love and if we focus on abiding in that love it has no choice but to spill over back to Him and everyone around us.

Read John 15:1, 4-5.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser... Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he

it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (Jesus, John 15:4-5
ESV)

Note: In this passage Jesus is speaking to His disciples about how to live fruitful and full lives of abundance and ultimately what empowers that by using an analogy from nature.

Q: In this passage Jesus uses an analogy to explain the Christian life. In this analogy what role do we play, does God the Father play, and Jesus play?

Q: Jesus here talks about living a “fruitful life” or one that produces fruit. What does he mean by this and what are some examples?

Q: In order to live fruitful lives what are we supposed to do? Is there a difference between trying hard and abiding in Him?

Q: Jesus here calls us to “abide” in him, what does that look like? Explain the importance of abiding with Jesus in order to display Jesus and His love to everyone around us.

Q: How does this change your focus on living out the Christian life? Do you find yourself trying to live for God, but without Him? How has this changed your approach going forward?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity Prep – This one might be the most difficult “activities” for some people, who are always on the go and always looking to do something. Remember that even God rested on the 7th Day when making the earth and calls us to set aside time to rest and do so in Him. As part of the following “activities”, think about how you can incorporate these as a regular part of being still and resting in your life, reflecting on the things that really matter! What might Sabbath or regular rest look like in your life moving forward?

Activity #1 – Spend some time reflecting on all the things that the Lord has done for you and others. These can be small and personal or massive and far reaching. Some specific things to consider might be God sending His Son, Jesus’s sacrifice, The Holy Spirit living inside us, the friends and family that God has given us, His Truth that sets us free, the gifts and talents we have, etc... Spend time writing down and reflecting on these things, letting their reality wash over you! None of this should feel like a chore or something you “have” to do, but ways to simply express what you are feeling inside as you reflect on His goodness towards you!

Activity #2 – Pick one day out of the week and dedicate it to Sabbath. This could involve reading and praying but also hanging with friends, being outside, or doing a hobby. Just be purposeful in your time giving God the thanks. This might take you working a little harder the day before to do your chores and other work, but it will be worth it.



VIDEO #7 – FORMED.

Life with Jesus is fueled by what He does in and through us!

OVERVIEW

It is Jesus who does the forming in our lives, and it is Jesus who does the work through our life. The potential of your life is as limitless as the God who lives in you. Through faith you can access the untapped potential of God in you. The purpose of this Life Series video is to encourage you to unleash Jesus in and through your life.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- IN ADDITION TO PAYING THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS, JESUS IS COMMITTED TO FORMING US TO BE LIKE HIM.
- IT IS GOD'S GRACE AND SPIRIT THAT TRANSFORM US TO BE LIKE HIM AND HE USES ACTIVITIES LIKE PRAYER, COMMUNITY, SCRIPTURE READING AND SERVING AS PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS.
- IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION, WE ARE NOT WORKING FOR GOD, BUT RATHER WITH HIM, ALLOWING HIM TO WORK THROUGH US.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After watching the video by yourself or as a group, please go through the following discussion/reflection questions to help these truths sink into your heart and mind. These questions are simply meant to guide you, so feel free to go off script and follow the discussion or your thoughts wherever it takes you to fully explore and embrace the Objectives!

Objective #1 – In addition to paying the penalty for our sins, Jesus is committed to forming us to be like Him.

Read Philippians 1:6.

And I am sure of this, that he [God] who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Apostle Paul, Philippians 1:6 ESV)

Note: In this verse the Apostle Paul is writing a letter to the Church at Philippi and expressing his confident hope about what God will do on their behalf.

Q: In this verse what is Paul confident that God will do for His people? What is the good work that God began in us?

Q: What does it mean that God will bring it to completion?

Q: How does this process of God forming us to be like Him happen?

Read Ephesians 2:10.

For we are his [God's] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)

Q: What does it mean that we are God's workmanship?

Q: What does this verse say about the good works we are to accomplish in our life? Are they things we need to invent or create ourselves?

Objective #2 – It is God’s Grace and Spirit that transform us to be like Him, and He uses activities like prayer, community, Scripture reading and serving as part of the transformation process.

Q: How has reading and studying scripture impacted your life or those around you? **Read John 14:26 to see how God empowers this process.** Does that change how you approach and think about studying scripture?

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (Jesus, John 14:26 ESV)

Q: How has praying, talking and listening to God impacted your life or those around you? **Read Romans 8:26 to see how God empowers this process.** Does that change how you approach and think about praying?

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Romans 8 :26 ESV)

Q: How has being in Christian community impacted your life and those around you? **Read 1st Corinthians 12:7 to see how God empowers this process.** Does that change how you approach and think about serving and encouraging others in Christian community?

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1st Corinthians 12:7 ESV)

Q: What are some other tools that God uses and empowers by His Spirit to help us become more like him? How can you incorporate some of these into your life?

Objective #3 – In fulfilling the Great Commission, we are not working for God, but rather with Him, allowing Him to work through us.

Read 1st Corinthians 15:8-12.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (Apostle Paul, 1st Corinthians 15:8-12 ESV)

Note: In this passage the Apostle Paul is writing a letter to the church in the city of Corinth. In this passage he discusses his thoughts and feelings on his own ministry efforts and what role God played in them. It should be noted that the Apostle Paul started his relationship with Christianity by persecuting the Christian Church including throwing them into prison and supporting their death. He would later become arguably the greatest Christian Missionary to ever live and is responsible for writing 2/3s of the books in the New Testament.

Q: Was the Apostle Paul qualified to be one of the greatest missionaries based on his life's decisions and actions before coming to faith in Jesus? What hope should that give to us about God's role in our destiny and what we accomplish in this life?

Q: What reason did Paul give for why He was given the calling and responsibilities by God that he was?

Q: Paul also compares the work that he did compared to the other Apostles. How does he say that his work stacked up to them? What does he say enabled him to take on his workload?

Q: What do we learn from Paul's thoughts here about the role that God plays in us accomplishing the things that he has called us to? What does this mean for us practically and how does it impact how we approach serving God?

Meditate on This:

I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.
(Apostle Paul, Galatians 2:20)

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity #1 – This last “activity”, like the first one, is more of a personal reflection. Take time to write out (in a journal or text app on phone) how the time spent in this Life Series has impacted you, your understanding of the Christian Faith, and your relationship with Jesus. Specific things to possibly include are:

- What were your top three biggest takeaways from going through the life series?
- What were the two biggest things that surprised you that maybe you hadn't learned or realized before?
- What was your favorite or most memorable activity? Why?
- What things are you planning on taking with you going forward in your Faith? What will this require?
- What from this series are you most excited to share with someone else?
- We started with the Idea of “fullness of life... loving God, loving others”. Explain in your own words what this type of lifestyle looks like practically based on what you learned in this series.

Activity #2 – Is there anyone else you think could benefit from going through this Life Series? If so, plan to take them through it and go for it!