

Becoming like Jesus
Luke 5:1-6:16

We're in a sermon series called "I Wanna' Live for Jesus." The idea for the title comes from Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." The idea is that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. Living for Jesus means very concretely that we will become like him. We learn to think, to have attitudes, to develop character, and to act just like him. There are a number of aspects to becoming like Jesus, let's look at a couple of them this morning.

1. Become like Jesus in your _____.
(Luke 5:1-9)

2. Become like Jesus in your _____.
(Luke 5:10-11, 27-32)

Resource for Families

Every week your child receives a take home paper from her/his Sunday School class. I would highly suggest going through the “Daily Family Devotional Readings” and doing the “Family Fun Activities.” For a biblical foundation for our roles as parents, read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let’s begin this week by reading Luke 5:12-26. Jesus heals the leper and the paralytic.
- What does the leper ask Jesus to do? From a good Bible Dictionary, briefly define leprosy as a disease. What were the religious and social implications of this disease? Why would the individual have to go to a priest? See Leviticus 14. This is a picture of salvation, what does it picture? Note what Jesus did.
- What does Jesus first do with the paralytic? What does he see in his friends? In the following conflict with the Pharisees, what do you find out about Christ? What does faith mean? How does faith express itself?
- Spend some time in Luke 5:32. Then, identify one individual that you can begin praying for, caring for, and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ with them. Begin today. You might even partner with another individual and do this together.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Let’s look at the opposition to Christ today and read Luke 5:33-6:11. In Luke 5:33-39, Christ uses two parables and a proverb to distinguish his message from what has gone on before. What is it that he teaches? For example, what does it mean that you can’t sew new cloth on old?
- What difference does it make in your life that with Jesus, everything changes? There is a radical change in history from the Old Testament to the New. There is a radical change in the birth of the church. There is a radical change in our individual lives. That change has take place, how are we to live our lives in light of that?
- What do you learn about Jesus from the Sabbath controversies?

Friday-Saturday

- In the midst of a demanding schedule of teaching and healing and in the midst of a number of controversies, we find Jesus slipping away in order to pray to the Father. See Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1; 23:46. The early church imitated this practice: Acts 6:6; 13:2-3; 14:23; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6.
- Let’s start with the question, “What do you think prayer is?” What should my heart attitude be? What do I do when I pray?
- Set aside some time today to pray. One way to begin is to use the Psalms as guides for your prayers. Another guide would be the Lord’s Prayer. Ask the Lord for unity and purity. Ask the Lord to draw individuals to Himself and to empower us to share the Good News.