



GOD'S WORK NOW INVITES YOU TO FOLLOW AND LEAVE

APRIL 21-27, 2024

CIRCLES for the week:

(Videos and links are included in CIRCLES to deepen understanding. Sign up for CIRCLES via text or email to the church.)

22 Monday: VIDEO **Isaiah 55:6-12 and 61:1-3** What is God asking you to let go of? What is HE asking you to embrace?

23 Tuesday: **Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-4** What do I hear from God? Am I calling out to Him? Am I actively doing what He says?

24 Wednesday: **Proverbs 3:1-6 & 16:1-3,9** We want clarity for what is next. How do you handle it when clarity is not there yet?

25 Thursday: **Exodus 3:1-12** What do your responses to the unexpected show about your dependence on God? What do others see?

26 Friday: **Hebrews 11:8-27** What are the areas where you seek control in life or security in your comfort zone? Ask God to search your heart.

★ What insights did God give you through these CIRCLE activities? How did your relationship grow deeper with Him?

DIG DEEPER - review Sunday and dig deeper with discussion questions:

★ Any "take-aways" from Sunday's message? Did anything spark a question for you? Discuss with the group.

1. What does spiritual growth look like in a you, as a follower of Jesus (how do we know if we are growing in Christ?) What does spiritual growth look like in the church (not just numbers)? Discuss
2. Read **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**. What motivates us to be transformed?
3. See **Genesis 15:7 and Exodus 6:7; 7:5; 7:17; 8:22; 10:2** God says over and over "**You will know that I am the LORD**". The one and only Jehovah God. In times of change, how do we try to control God? What does submission to God's LORDship look like? Discuss.
4. Read **Isaiah 55:6-9; Proverbs 14:12; I Samuel 16:7**. Discuss "**God's ways are not our ways**".
5. How can we keep in step with the Lord better? Read **Ephesians 4:16-23; Proverbs 3:5-8; Psalm 25:4-12**

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**PRAY— Ephesians 3:16-21
and Galatians 5:25**

Father God, I submit to you as my LORD. I ask that You empower me with inner strength through Your Holy Spirit. Make Your home in my heart and teach me to trust You. Grow my roots deep in Your love and keep me strong. May Your will be done in me and in the church, bringing YOU glory!

We commit to living by the Spirit, and following the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. AMEN

- What do you need to surrender in order to completely follow Jesus? Habits, thought patterns, comforts? Spend time in confession, repentance, and worship.

Discussion questions continued...

6. **John 14:25-29; Act 1:4-8** How is the Holy Spirit shaping you for change and growth?
7. Why do we worry over change or the unknown? What is frightening about it? What can we do to change that pattern of thought? **Romans 8:26-39**
8. In times of transition, how has God been stability for you? **Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17; and Lamentations 3:21-23**. Share any other verses or promises that God has used during times of change for you.
9. Waiting on the Lord, waiting for clarity, can be difficult. What do the Psalms have to say? Read **Psalms 27:14; Psalm 31:24; Psalm 40:1-8**.
10. What is an area of your faith where you'd like to grow? What small change can you make now to help you move toward that goal of **Finding and Following Jesus** daily? Share it with your group.
11. How can we grow in our faith as a church? How can we pursue **Finding and Following Jesus** daily as a church body?

LIVE IT OUT – Growth happens outside our “comfort zones.” What change does the Holy Spirit want to make in you based on what you learned? Make a commitment to live it out! Share with the group what the Holy Spirit is putting on your heart to do...

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