

Live Like Christ Questions

1. Share with your group what impacted you out of David's sermon?
2. In the sermon, David asked you to consider what picture you would use to depict what it is to live like Christ. Share with your group the one you would use, and also where you are in that picture.
3. Read and reflect on this quote from Andrew Olsen:

'phrases like 'Live Like Christ' are like soundbytes of politicians ripped out of context by the media. The Scripture never has them as stand alone ideas, nor as punchlines to take home. They are always side effects of what we believe. They are always corollaries, asides, consequences, implications. If taken as a focus they would become rancid, religious, ultimately destructive.'

Share your thoughts on that quote.

4. Read and reflect on these statement by Pat Thurmer:

"We love because He first loved us. We live like Christ because He lived like us.

If we focus on our loving, our living, our choosing, our pursuing etc., we miss the mark. It is in proclaiming & focusing upon Christ's loving, living, acting, choosing, pursuing, giving, dying for us, that we are conformed to His image and are almost unaware of our own transformation to Christlikeness in our living.

It's true that we want to live like Christ... the issue is how we get there. Do we get there by trying, endeavoring, doing etc...., or by being amazed at who Jesus is and what He did?"

Share any insights from this.

5. Share what differences one or both of these statements make to your understanding of Christian living?

How does this change how you live?

6. Read Ephesians 5:1-21

Note the statements that remind us who we are in Christ and what Christ has done, and then notice the instructions that flow from those.

Discuss one specific example from that passage.

7. Remember as we focus on Christ the overflow will be that we live like Christ.

What will help you to focus on Christ in your world?

What difference will it make?