

BE LIKE JESUS

Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Be Like Jesus – Part 3 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

MAIN POINT:

- *If we want to live/be like a Christian, we must feel/want like a Christian. If we want to change our will, we must change our affections.*

INTO THE WORD:

Before reading this passage as a group, consider the following **Core Questions**. Read these questions aloud to frame up your discussion.

1. What does this passage reveal about what Jesus is like? I.e. Obvious statements, attributes of His character, ability, etc.
2. What are some key words or phrases and how do they help us understand what is being said?
3. Is there some kind of action that we are called to? A sin to confess? Something to thank God for? Someone I need to pray for or encourage? A behavior I need to change?

Passage Summary: *In a sermon to His disciples, Jesus paints a picture of two kingdoms: His and the world's. He uses rewards/future grace to help establish His kingdom within them. When these rewards are desired, cherished and pursued, life change is possible in how we love, how we judge, and how we build our lives.*

Passage to Read: Luke 6:20-49.

DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss your thoughts from the core questions listed above.
2. How would you describe the difference between the kingdom of the world and the Kingdom of God, as described by Jesus?
3. Describe some of the key rewards Jesus details in this passage. Which one appeals to you the most?
4. Which of the struggles listed by Jesus do you identify with the most, and why?
5. Why do you think the bulk of Jesus' teachings in this passage are focused on relationships?

APPLICATION:

1. Based on what we have read today how do you want to be more like Jesus?
2. Which desire to you need to ask God to help you develop in your heart, so you will want what He wants for you?
3. What can you do this week to cultivate a greater desire for the things of God?
4. Is there anyone in your life that you need to stop judging? Anyone you need to forgive?

STEPS OF OBEDIENCE

- Make a commitment to give a word of encouragement to someone that you might typically judge or look down on. Make an effort to love them. Be prepared to share about this step next week.
- Read aloud 1 John 2:6 (we will memorize this as a church) that we are memorizing as a church.
Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did. - 1 John 2:6 (Living Bible)

PRAYER TIME

- Take a moment as a group and share any answered prayers.
- Pray for specific people in your life that you need to love and have a better relationship with.
- If anyone in the group has a special prayer request, make sure that is shared with the group.