



Love. Live. Lead.

Our Mission

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

This week we paused to talk about the mission of our church. The mission of our church reminds us that we are to be shaped into the image of Christ. One of the verses that inspires the mission is **1 John 2:6**, which states, **"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."** Christians universally understand that Jesus is their model and that they are called to become like him. Another verse that speaks to this idea is uttered by John the Baptist. He says: **John 3:30 "He (Jesus) must become greater; I must become less."** How does the call to become like Christ affect you personally? Can you commit to the lifetime goal of becoming more like Christ? How do you think people become more like Jesus?

QUESTION 2

The mission of Spring Hills Baptist Church calls us to become more like Christ. Our mission reminds us to love like Jesus, live like Jesus, and lead like Jesus. This question will focus on loving like Jesus. Take a moment to discuss as a group what comes to mind when you think of the love of Christ.

In the very last time that Jesus was able to instruct his disciples before he was betrayed in the garden, he gave them a new command. **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. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."** Take a moment to process these verses as a group. What do you think is the main takeaway from these verses? How did these verses affect you personally?

QUESTION 3

This question will focus on living like Jesus. Take a moment to read these three passages of scripture about how Jesus chose to live.

Luke 5:16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Luke 6:12 One of those days, Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God.

Take a moment to identify the common themes found in these three verses. I see three unifying themes between these verses. How does Jesus live?

Jesus makes time to connect with God in silence and solitude. In two of these three verses, Jesus gives up sleep to spend time with God. In all three verses, he gets alone with God—once on a mountainside, once in a place described as solitary, and once in what Luke calls lonely places. Discuss with the group your experience with seeking God in silence and solitude.

If we truly desire to live like Jesus, we must choose to live lives that are connected to God. Do you agree? How are you currently seeking to live a life connected to God? Are you succeeding?

QUESTION 4

Lastly, our mission calls us to lead like Jesus. Jesus leads by example. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus says, **"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15).** The apostle Paul also sees the value of leading by example; he said, **1 Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."** Whether you know it or not, and whether you believe it or not, there are people all around you who see your example. In many cases, actions speak louder than words. Take a moment to evaluate and discuss Jesus' example. What are some things that you take away from observing the life and teaching of Jesus?

In a moment of honest vulnerability, please discuss with your fellow group members how their example affects you.