



Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Foretaste: Becoming Like Jesus

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Outline: 1 John 4:17; John 20:21 | Foretaste: Becoming Like Jesus

- ❖ **Living Holy Like Jesus (1 John 4:17; John 8:31-32)**
 - Our discipleship is chiefly to Christ.
 - A faithful, holy church is a sign post pointing to Jesus.
 - **Question for Kids:** What are some things you can do at home or school to point people to Jesus?
 - **Question for Adults:** Are you representing Jesus by your love and good works? Does the world receive a foretaste of heaven through you?
- ❖ **Living Sent Like Jesus (John 20:21)**
 - Our identity as a church is to be a people sent, joining God on his mission of redemption.
 - We are called to “missionary encounters” in our community and with our culture. They are always happening, but we are not always faithful.
 - **Question for Kids:** Do you know that you don’t have to go to a different country to be a missionary? You can be a missionary spreading the Good News about Jesus now.
 - **Question for Adults:** What “missionary encounters” do you anticipate happening this week? How is God leading you to prepare for them?
- ❖ **Bottom Line: We are not disciples of Jesus if we’re not on the mission of Jesus.**

Questions for reflection or discussion:

1 John 4:17; John 8:31-32

- What does it mean to “grow in holiness”? What are some ways you see holiness misrepresented or misunderstood in the world today?
- What are some practices you can commit to that can help you become more like Jesus? How do we grow in holiness while also not falling into a lifestyle focused on works rather than transformation and sanctification?
- What does it look like to disciple people to be more like Jesus rather than ourselves? What dangers can arise when discipleship becomes more about someone else gaining focus and glory rather than Christ? Where in your life are you tempted to point people to yourself rather than Jesus?

John 20:21

- What does it look like to live your life as being “sent” by God? Do you see your work and everyday life as part of God’s mission, or do you feel tempted to downplay that possibility/reality? Who in your life do you sense God has placed in your path so that you can share His love and the message of the Gospel with them? How can you prepare yourself to share love and the Gospel with them when the opportunity presents itself?

John 8:38

- Why is it important that the Gospel Mission is not only declared by words, but also demonstrated in action? Which comes more naturally to you; living out your faith in action, or sharing it with words? Who in your life can encourage you to boldly share the gospel or boldly live out the gospel in action this week?