



Life On Mission - Week 4

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This week, Pastor Tim talks about what it really means to be a "witness" as we live on mission with Jesus.

NOTE: We are sending this out before the services so you and your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#)!

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Talk about a time when you went "all-in" with a fitness or health plan. What encouraged you to jump into that plan? If you aren't doing it anymore, what caused

you to stop?

2. Talk about the most inspiring person you know. What makes them so inspiring? Have they always been inspiring, or did they have to become that kind of person?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, remember the big picture of this week's teaching:

- The more we look like Jesus, through training to be like Him, the more credible our witness will be.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Matthew 5:16, Luke 6:40, John 15:5, 8; Romans 1:12, 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 2:3, 2 Timothy 2:2, 2 Peter 2:12

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this week's message that resonated with you. What made it stick out to you?
2. Talk about the first thought that comes to mind when you hear the word "grow." Why do you think of "grow" that way? What is influencing your thinking about "growth" today?
3. Read Ephesians 4:14-16. Read slowly and read this passage out loud if possible. Make a note of any words or phrases that stand out to you. In your own words, try to explain what growth looks like in light of this passage.
4. Pastor Tim said there are three different reasons people don't train to "grow up" into Jesus: we don't believe Jesus is worth following, it takes work, and we aren't in a training relationship. Talk about which of these is the biggest struggle for you. Why does that struggle exist?
5. Ephesians 4:15 suggests that we CAN becoming like Jesus, but that we'll live that out in the lives we already have. Talk about what it would look like to approach everything you do Monday and handle it the way Jesus would handle your to-do list. What needs to change in you before you can live like Jesus during your Monday routine?
6. The word disciple is better translated as "apprentice." Talk about whether or not that makes a difference for the way you think about being a disciple of Jesus. Talk about 3-4 things that are true of any kind of apprentice (learning to be a welder, painter, etc.) What is one practical step you can take today to be an apprentice of Jesus?

Takeaway

This week, Pastor Tim pointed to two easy next steps you can take in training to become like Jesus:

1. Start a daily training practice that includes 15 minutes of Bible & prayer.
2. Connect with someone or with a few people who can be your "training partners." It could be a one-on-one relationship or a smaller group.

This week, [follow this link](#) to start a training plan and learn how to connect with others who are on the journey of becoming like Jesus as well.