

## **This is Us: Becoming Christlike**

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### **Opening Discussion**

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

### **College Church's Mission**

To Lead every generation into a growing relationship with Jesus so that all may experience God's goodness and grace.

### **Core Value #1:**

**We are a blended family:** We are a diverse family with unique backgrounds and stories that God has brought together. We want everyone to experience the belonging that comes with being a part of the family of God.

### **Core Value #2**

**We Cultivate Christlikeness:** We choose to surrender our lives to be continually shaped by Christ so that we might become more and more like Him. We believe He first changes our hearts, which then changes our behavior.

### **Core Value #3**

**We Give and We Go:** We give and go in sacrificial ways to impact our community and world. We are generous because God has been generous with us.

### **Thought #1: We give and go in sacrificial ways**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)**

"...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

What thoughts or emotions come to mind when reflecting on the idea of sacrificial giving? How is the word "sacrifice" viewed in today's culture? In what ways does the cultural view shape your thoughts toward this? How do you see this core value in contrast to the world's viewpoint?

How does the Bible emphasize the importance of sacrificial giving, both in terms of time and resources? Review some of these passages:

**Proverbs 11:34-35**

**Hebrews 3:16**

**Acts 20:35**

**Luke 6:38**

**1 John 3:17**

What common themes stand out from these passages? How do these passages challenge you?

Pastor Todd used the phrase "All the dollars belong to God." In what ways does the understanding that everything belongs to God impact your perspective on giving your time and resources sacrificially? How can we practically live out the truth that we are stewards of God's possessions?

### **Thought #2: We give to impact our community and world**

#### **Acts 1:8**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

#### **Matthew 28:16-20**

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age"

How does the Bible emphasize the responsibility of believers to impact their community and world for Christ? Reflect on how Jesus Christ modeled sacrificial giving for the redemption of humanity. In what ways can

