The Way part 5 Doing the things that Jesus did!

- Be with Jesus
- Become like Jesus
- Do the things that Jesus did

Matthew 4:18-25

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 8:18-22

Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew 9:35-38

Matthew 10:1

Matthew 10:2-8

Matthew 28:16-20

Do you see the pattern?

The pattern is apprenticeship to Jesus:

Step 1: I do, you watch Step 2: I do, you help Step 3: You do, and I help Step 4: you do and I watch

The key goal of any apprentice: is to do the things they are being taught by their master.

1 John 2: 5b-6

"If you are a follower of Jesus, your goal over time, is to become the kind of person that can carry on the work of Jesus." –John Mark Comer

What is the work of Jesus?

- Teaching the gospel
- Teaching the way of life in communion with God
- Healing the sick
- Eating and drinking with all kinds of people
- Doing Justice
- Peace-making
- Praying

- Prophesying
- Standing up against political and religious corruption

Apprenticing to Jesus takes a lifetime

If you are an apprentice of Jesus, your end goal is to grow into the kind of person who will be the kind of person Jesus was and is, and do the things that Jesus did.

"A disciple is someone whose ultimate goal is to live their life the way Jesus would live if he were me." --- Dallas Willard

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1 John 2: 5b-6

In Jesus' incarnation we also see what a real, true human being is like. We see what God had in mind from the beginning, what human beings have the potential to become if reunited with God.

John 14:12

The Holy Spirit

1) Know your stage of faith and your season of life

Stage of faith

Season of life

2) Consider practicing hospitality

So how do we make space for God in such an emotional loaded atmosphere? The same way Jesus did, by eating and drinking!

Jesus' mission: to seek and save the lost

Luke 19:10

Jesus' method: Eating and drinking

Luke 7:34-35

How did Jesus invite people into his kingdom?

One meal at a time...

Philoxenia = love of stranger, immigrant, guest

"Radical ordinary hospitality, those who live it see strangers as neighbors and neighbors as family of God. They recoil at reducing a person to a category or a label. They see God's image reflected in the eyes of every human being on earth.... --- Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, <u>The Gospel Comes with a House Key</u>

The beauty of Jesus' method:

- 1. It's something you are already doing
- 2. Anyone can do this

Application

- 1. Continue with slowing, silence and solitude
- 2. Eat and drink with others this week