

Weekend Message Questions
Practicing The Way, Week 4: Do As Jesus Did
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CHECK-IN:

- How did you experience faith in action this week — even in a small way?
- When you hear “do as Jesus did,” does it feel like an invitation or a burden? Why?

READ: James 2:14–18

DISCUSS:

- The message made a clear order: transformation first, then action. Why does getting this backwards lead to frustration and burnout?
- Have you ever felt like you were trying to force actions before inner transformation happened? What did that season feel like?

READ: Luke 19:1-10

DISCUSS:

- Jesus stopped, looked up, and called Zacchaeus by name. Who in your regular week might feel overlooked the way Zacchaeus did?
- What would it look like to slow down and let the Holy Spirit open your eyes to the people already around you?

RECAP & DISCUSS MESSAGE POINTS

1. Make Space for the Gospel Through Intentional Hospitality

Read: Luke 19:5

- The message pointed out that Jesus's method was eating and drinking — his mission was to seek and save the lost. How does sharing a meal create space for the Gospel in a way that other settings don't?
- What's one relationship in your life where a simple meal or shared time could build a bridge?
- The message said: "Outcomes are not our assignment. Obedience is." How does that reframe how you think about hospitality?

2. Preach the Gospel With Both Words and a Consistent, Loving Lifestyle

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:58

- The message described a “jarring inconsistency” — many Christians believe sharing faith is important, but nearly half feel it's wrong to do so. Where do you feel that tension personally?
- What people in your life currently hear you talk about most? Would they know what Jesus has done in you?

3. Demonstrate the Gospel Through Work and Talents

- Jesus was a builder. The message said our work becomes ministry not by changing professions, but by doing whatever we do the way Jesus would — with humility, skill, and kingdom ethics. What would that look like in your current role or season?
- One of Hope's DNA statements is that we are generous with our talents. What's one concrete way you could use your gifts to love the people God has placed in front of you?

APPLY

- The message ended with three invitations: Stop waiting for the big thing. Trade pressure for place. Go and live loved. Which of these speaks most to where you are right now?
- This week, when you feel the pressure to perform or earn love — from others or from God — what is one truth you can return to?
- Who is one person you can intentionally see, slow down for, or invite to your table this week?

PRAYER TIME

Share prayer requests related to faith in action, surrender, hospitality, or personal circumstances.

Pray that God would:

- reveal the people He is placing in front of each person this week,
- free each person from performance-driven faith and deepen their joy in living loved,
- and produce fruit in your group that comes from the Spirit's work — not from striving.

Need prayer outside of the group? [Submit a request here.](#)