

**Weekend Message Questions**  
**Practicing The Way, Week 3: Become Like Jesus**  
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**CHECK-IN:**

- What is something small you wanted this week that made your day better?
- When you hear the phrase “*becoming like Jesus*,” what comes to mind first?

**READ: Matthew 16:24–25**

**DISCUSS:**

- Jesus begins discipleship with desire — “*whoever wants...*” Why do you think our wants and desires matter in following Jesus?
- Where do you notice your life naturally revolving around what you want?

**READ: Jeremiah 17:9 & Proverbs 27:19**

**DISCUSS:**

- The message described denying yourself as **renouncing the authority of self**, not hating yourself. How is that different from what people often assume?
- What helps you recognize what is truly shaping your heart right now?

**READ: Matthew 16:24 (Take up your cross)**

**DISCUSS:**

- What do you think “taking up your cross daily” looks like in everyday life?
- Why do you think transformation requires letting parts of our old self die?

**READ: Luke 6:40**

**DISCUSS:**

- What is the difference between *trying harder* to change and *surrendering* to God’s transforming work?
- What habits or rhythms help you center your life around Jesus?

**APPLY**

- Where might Jesus be inviting you to surrender control right now?
- This week, practice asking: “Jesus, what do You want?” instead of “What do I want?” — what could that look like practically?

- What is one small daily step you can take toward saying no to self, dying to self, and living for Christ?

## **PRAYER TIME**

Share prayer requests related to surrender, spiritual formation, healing, or personal circumstances.

Pray that God would:

- reveal areas needing surrender,
- transform hearts over time,
- and help each person become more like Jesus.

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