

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS
The Gospel of John — Week 36

ICEBREAKER: Do you think all religions lead to God? Why or why not?

OVERVIEW: Some people want to be different. They want to stand out from the crowd and be unique. They work hard to be different from the norm. Others want the exact opposite. They desperately want to fit in. They strive to look, sound, and think like everyone else. But as Christians our goal should not be to stand out or to fit in, but to be Christlike. 1 John 2:6 says, “The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked.” In life we never have to wonder about the right way to behave; all we need to do is to imitate Jesus Christ. In this discussion we will go deeper with the call to live like Jesus in everything we do.

1. Read John 8:48-59. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. In Sunday’s sermon we discovered five ways to imitate Christ. The first is to not seek revenge (vs. 48-49). In fact, the Bible commands us to go beyond not seeking revenge to forgiveness. What does forgiveness look like in real life? Is there anyone you need to work on forgiving?
3. The second way to imitate Christ is to honor (glorify) God (vs. 49-50). What does it mean to honor God? Where do you need to work on glorifying God more: Work; School; Home; Marriage; Tongue; Finances; or Attitude? Explain.
4. The third way to imitate Christ is to evangelize (v. 51). How can you become a more active witness for Christ?

5. The fourth way to imitate Jesus is to obey God’s word (v. 55). What can we learn about obedience from the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22?
6. The fifth way to imitate Jesus is to embrace suffering. What is the difference between an “Until” Christian, and an “Even if” Christian?
7. Why should we strive to imitate Jesus?
8. Thomas Watson wrote, “If we do not imitate Christ’s life – we cannot be saved by his death.” Watson was referring to Christlikeness as a mark of authentic salvation. Do you agree with this statement?
9. How can we get the power to become more like Christ?

The Last Word: “Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master....” Matthew 10:25