

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Being a Disciple of Jesus #3 Becoming Like Jesus Sunday 28 April 2024

1. What impacted you most from the Sermon on Sunday?

Luke 6. 40 The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

For Jesus, the point of his disciples being with him was for the purpose of becoming like him. Their apprenticeship with Jesus had clear purpose and direction.

2. Do you see yourself as a disciple who is undergoing training to become like your Master?

Please read Matthew 11.28-30

- 3. Jesus extends an invitation to be trained to live in His way. Who's invited to participate?
- 4. What kind of trainer is Jesus, and what is his heart for those he trains?
- 5. What do we need to do to participate in being trained by Him?
- 6. The following 4 passages speak about 4 different things we can do to work with God as He works with us in training us to become more like Jesus. What are they?
 - Luke 5.31-32
 - Romans 12.2
 - Matthew 7.24-25
 - Philippians 2.1-2

The author Tish Harrison Warren wrote in the 'Liturgy of the Ordinary' – "I realized that my daily practices and habits were malforming me, making me less alive, less human, less able to give and receive love."

7. How do you relate to this – and what needs to change?

Please read 2 Corinthians 3.18

God's Spirit reveals to us the true state of our condition. How warped and wounded we really are. We're too broken to put ourselves back together. Too lost to find ourselves. We can't save ourselves – even by trying our best. Jesus has taught us that we need the help and power of God to save our lives. He also taught us that through the Holy Spirit we have everything we need to live a godly life. For godly transformation we need more than willpower – we need God's power. Saint Augustine wrote, "Without God we cannot – Without us He will not."

8. How do we actively rely on God's Spirit for our transformation (and not self-help willpower) whilst doing what we need to do to fully participate in the training to become like Jesus?