

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

WEEK 4 – Discipleship: You Were Created to Become Like Christ

LEADER OUTLINE

"...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." Philipians 2:12,13 (NIV)

- "Work Out"
- "Work In"

A. Three Tools God Uses to Make You Like Jesus

1. The first tool God uses to make you like Jesus is the BIBLE.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point...." 2 Timothy 3:16,17 (TLB)

2. The second tool God uses to make you like Jesus is HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

"...as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (LB)

3. The third tool God uses to make you like Jesus is CIRCUMSTANCES.

"...we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God chose them to become like his Son...." Romans 8:28,29 (NLT)

B. Three Choices That Will Help You Become More Like Jesus

1. You can choose WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT.

"...there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes."
Ephesians 4:23 (NLT)

"How can a young man keep his ways pure? By living according to Your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands. I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You."
Psalm 119:9-11 (NIV)

2. You can choose to DEPEND on God's Spirit moment by moment.

"Take care to live in Me and let Me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me.... I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit." John 15:4,5 (LB)

3. You can choose to RESPOND TO your circumstances the way Jesus would.

"When all kinds of trials crowd into your lives don't resent them as intruders but welcome them as friends. Realize that they come to test your faith and produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed and you become people of mature character, people of integrity, with no weak spots." James 1:2-4 (Ph)