

PURPOSE and CALLING | week three

This week we discuss **our purpose and calling as growing in Christ-likeness.**

We are born in the image of God and we are meant to grow into the full likeness of God. We have the awesome privilege to not only know God personally, but His Spirit works in us giving us the godly desires and the enablement to be like Christ. This is not something we do by ourselves, but our responsibility is to RESPOND to HIS ABILITY. And We Can Because God IS. We can be Christ-like because God is Working in us.

Romans 8: 29

²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters

Colossians 1: 15–16

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth... Everything was created through him and for him.

Philippians 2: 12b–13 (NLT)

¹² Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 2: 3–4 (NLT)

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2: 5 (TNIV)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son (Romans 8:29)".*
What does it mean to you to be more like Christ?
2. What God cares about most is that whatever you do, you do in a Christ-like manner. How could this truth change your perspective with regard to your career or calling?
3. Our Responsibility is to RESPOND to HIS ABILITY! God supplies the (Want To) and the (Power To) and the Human Response is the (Willing to)! Could you share with your group what you are going to lean into His ABILITY AND ENABLEMENT to do in this next week i.e. (Go, Grow, Change, Serve, Give, Forgive, be Generous, empathetic, compassionate)?
4. (Please read Philippians 2: 3-5) What do you think Christ is speaking to you about your attitude in some relationship(s) that could be a game-changer?
5. What is one area where I need to stop thinking my way and start thinking God's way?