

He's With Me – He Lead Me in Paths of Righteousness

September 10-11, 2016

Intentional Apprenticeship – “More Like Jesus”

Apprenticeship is the process whereby one person becomes more like another person. We believe that the ultimate goal in life is to become more like Jesus. This involves working on the inside of your life to align it with God's love and truth. It also requires eliminating any automatic responses you have that go against God's good intentions for you.

Community:

1. Take a moment in silence and pray for everyone affected by the events of 9/11. Where were you when it happened? How has your life changed because of what happened on that day?
2. What do you think *being an apprentice* means? How have you been an apprentice in other areas of your life (i.e., work, school, etc.)?

Core:

1. **Read Psalm 23.** Do you think God has led you in the *paths of righteousness*? Why or why not?
2. When you read, “*for his name's sake*”, what do you think that means?
3. **Read the 3rd Core Value above.** Have you taken steps to be an apprentice of Jesus—lining yourself up to be the type of person Jesus is? If so, what are some of the steps you've taken?
4. How is trying to be like Jesus going to be the most difficult for you?
5. **Read Mark 12:29-31.** Do you struggle loving God with your *heart, soul, mind* and *strength*? Which of those 4 parts (or quadrants) are the hardest for you, and why?

Challenge:

Read Mark 12:29-31 every day this week. Take some time each day to focus on how you can love God with all of your *heart, soul, mind* and *strength* better. Maybe write in a journal or take notes—jotting down where you're most convicted. Remember, in the end, God decides what “*better*” looks like. Ask Him for the strength, wisdom and boldness to figure out where is your greatest struggle—and what you need to do to make it *better*.