

Group Questions – *Become*: Week 3

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What is one habit you have had a difficult time creating?
- You can only read one author or listen to one musical artist's entire catalog? Whose is it?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- The 4 "B's" of discipleship at Living Hope: Belong, Believe, Become, Behave. This week is "Belong"
- Ever heard the phrase "I'll do my part, God will do His"?
- What do you make of this statement? Agree? disagree? Trouble? Ok?
- **READ:** John 15:9-12
- To become more like Jesus we are to obey Him. In this verse, what are we to obey?
- Why was this important for Jesus to say?
- In what ways does this command lead us to become like Jesus?
- **READ:** John 14:5, 8
- How do you read these questions? Why would they ask these questions if they have been with Jesus?
- Read the following quote. What word pictures or thoughts come to mind as you do? Be prepared to answer.
- "Christianity is not simply about believing the right things (though this is important). Nor is it simply a matter of living a Christ-like life (though this is important too) ...In other words, following Jesus isn't just about a prescribed set of rules or a certain set of behaviors. It's about being tethered to Jesus like He's oxygen—it's about being in His presence at every moment. When you're with someone you love, it doesn't matter what you're doing; it's about doing it together."— Chasing Vines: Finding Your Way to an Immensely Fruitful Life by Beth Moore
- **READ:** John 14:29
- How does it feel when you know the answer before it's asked or you know something is going to happen before it does?

Application Questions:

- When was the last time you were surprised by grace?
- When was the last time something you learned about God "woke you up" or surprised you or was eye opening?
- This week, do a spiritual practice that is very different than your regular routine. And as you do, pray something like 'Jesus, I tether myself to you. Make your Kingdom known to me.'

Belong
Believe
Become

John 14

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you.

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

“Come now; let us leave.