



BECOMING

MADE IN HIS IMAGE TO BE MORE LIKE HIM

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

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INTENTIONAL LIKE JESUS
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All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

2. I'll be intentional in knowing and connecting with _____ friends.

Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

3. I'll be intentional in knowing and _____ with God.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

What are some of the big questions that you have about life and your existence?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read Psalm 139:23-24. How comfortable are you to pray that God would examine your heart and motives? Do you believe God is frustrated, disappointed, or loving as He looks into your heart?

What are some ways that you could do an internal check and examine your own heart and soul?

Jesus intentionally grew to know and fully understand scripture. Does scripture form the basis for your beliefs and actions? Has there ever been some scripture that you've read, but you just didn't think you could obey it because of culture? Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What is God's Word able to do in us? How have you experienced that personally?

You're probably diving into these questions while in a small group? Read Ecclesiastes 4:12. How has your group connections and the soul friends in your life helped you? Look around the room. What do these other people mean to you?

How do you connect deeply to God? What does it look like for you to "be still and know" (Psalm 46:10)? What would you have to do to intentionally set aside time like that for Jesus?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Decide on 1 thing (just ONE thing), that you can do to deepen your connection to Jesus in this next month.

