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# 2. I must see \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ in others.

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"And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' Matthew 25:45 (NLT)

# 3. I must practice \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

He brought them into his house and set a meal before them... Acts 16:34a (NLT)

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:8-10 (NLT)

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? Mark 8:36-37 (NLT)

# 4. I must live in active \_\_\_\_\_.

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## [CONNECT]

When was the last time you faced a situation where you literally asked yourself, "What do I do?" (Maybe it was trying to put together a piece of IKEA furniture!"

### [ENGAGE]

What stood out and impacted you from the message this weekend?

### [GROW]

What are some of the questions you've had about God, or have asked God? What were the circumstances and events that led to those questions?

Read the story from Acts 16:16-34. Imagine for a moment you are a spectator watching this whole scenario unfold. What stands out to you? How do you think Paul and Silas felt through this? What do you imagine the jailer was experiencing?

Read Psalm 139:23-24. One of the steps we take in our spiritual growth is being honest about the condition of our heart and soul. How do King David's words in Ps. 139 reflect that? What does that look like for you?

In the Acts 16 account, we read about this jailer going from indifference about Paul and Silas to a willingness to care for them and feed them. The difference was his decision to follow Jesus. How has following Jesus shifted old habits in you to new ways of responding to others?

Read 1 Peter 4:8-10. What is the biggest challenge for you personally in this? How does understanding Jesus' love and kindness towards you change your perspective?

## [LEAD (YOURSELF)]

What is your next step in active obedience to Jesus? What can you do today (and tomorrow) to follow Him?