

WEEK THREE | BECOME LIKE HIM

Have you ever had someone in your life that you wanted to be like? Americans are prone to having heroes. Usually, they are people who seem other-worldly or bigger than life. These people are more courageous than the average person. Maybe they are known for unusual kindness or moral strength. Whomever they are, they aren't like us. That's why we want to be like them. Is there someone who embodies this greatness in every way? Why, yes there is.

Who is someone you've spent so much time with that you've picked up some of their habits or sayings — for better or worse?

Russ shared that "You can tell a lot about where someone has been based on who they've become."

How have the people, places, or environments in your life shaped who you are today?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read John 13:34-35.

John said love is the defining mark of discipleship. What does love look like in everyday relationships — especially when it's hard?

Larry Osborne talks about "Accidental Pharisees" — well-meaning Christians who emphasize the external (rule-following) instead of the internal (heart transformation).

How have you seen that mindset in yourself and others?

What helps you stay focused on becoming loving over becoming religious?

APPLY IT

Russ suggested that being formed in the way of Jesus involves community.

What has been your experience with Christian community — good, bad, or both?

Read Galatians 5:22–23 (fruit of the Spirit).

Which one of these qualities do you want to see grow most in your life right now?

What is one thing you could do that would move you in the direction of becoming more like Jesus?

PRAY

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.