

**MESSAGE BASED SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK**

**GETTING TO KNOW ME:**

People decide to “walk with Jesus” for many reasons. Which of these best describes WHY you are walking with Jesus today? This is a challenging question, but try to be as honest with yourself & your group as you can.

- Because this is what I've always done (my family walked with Jesus)
- Because Jesus has changed my life for the better
- Because I'm seeking for something “more” in life & wonder what Jesus can offer
- Because my life is a mess & I need hope to hold on to
- Out of guilt – because I know I “should”
- Because I believe that Jesus' teachings are the best way to live
- I'm not really sure why
- Other (write your own....)

**DIG DEEPER:**

Anyone learning a new sport or a new skill knows the importance of having a coach! When Jesus was on earth, he was the coach of his disciples. But when Jesus left the earth, did you know that he left us a “coach” (a personal trainer!) who promises to help us learn how to walk like Jesus?

**1 - Read John 14:15-27**

a – What are your thoughts about this promise – that the Spirit of God will actually live inside you and guide you as you learn to walk?

b – HOW does Jesus explain that this coach will help us? What will the coach do?

c – Do you think you’ve ever felt, heard or experienced in any way God’s Spirit speaking to you personally? How do you know that it is God’s spirit when you do? (re read v.26)

## **APPLICATION**

### **2 - Read Galatians 5:16-26**

This passage again talks about our COACH who teaches us to walk with Jesus – or walk like Jesus – The Holy Spirit. But as in any trainer/trainee relationship – each person has their part to play.

a – What does this passage say that our COACH (the Holy Spirit) will DO to help us? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our growth?

b - What does this passage say that WE have to do to learn how to “Walk by the Spirit?” What is our part in this process?

### **JESUS’ MESSAGE FOR ME:**

3 - Was there anything in this message that you think Jesus was trying to speak directly to your heart? What is it? (share whatever God used to speak to you in the message, eg. scripture, quote, lyric, etc.)

a. How do you feel about what Jesus was speaking to your heart?

b. What do you plan to DO differently this week because of what Jesus spoke to you?

## VERSES, QUOTATIONS & KEY POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

### Lyrics

I'm learning to walk again  
I believe I've waited long enough  
Where do I begin?

Genesis 5:21-24 (NASB)

<sup>21</sup> Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> Then Enoch WALKED with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. <sup>24</sup> Enoch WALKED with God; and he was not, for God took him.

### John Walvoord

"Walk is the biblical expression for fellowship and obedience that results in divine favor."

### 1. Learning to walk with God is like learning to walk all over again.

John 8:12 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not WALK in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Mark 7:5 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> The Pharisees and the scribes \*asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not WALK according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?"

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB)

<sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight—

### 2. Walking with God is more than living by rules.

Amos 3:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Do two walk together  
unless they have agreed to do so?

### Dave Grohl

"When Taylor wound up in hospital I was ready to quit music. Because, to me, it felt like music equalled death. I started praying. I've never been to church in my life, and I'm walking back from Taylor's hospital to our hotel every night, praying out loud in the streets of London. I don't even know if I believe in God."

Micah 6:8 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you  
But to do justice, to love kindness,  
And to **walk humbly** with your God?

### 3. If you're going to walk with God, walk close! It's the only type of walk that pleases God.

Galatians 5:16-18 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> But I say, WALK by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-24 (NLT)

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Galatians 5:25-26 (NASB)

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

**Lyrics**

A million miles away  
Your signal in the distance  
To whom it may concern  
I think I lost my way

**Louie Giglio, Tweet**

“Must be wonderful being God. No rivals. No shortage. No threats. No doubts. No limits. Think I'm gonna walk with Him today!”