

Foundations of Faith

Lesson Six: Growing Christ-like

Read 1 Peter 1:14-16, 22. What are some characteristics of children of God according to these verses?

Holiness

As you follow Christ, the sin that previously characterized your life will fade away and your life will begin to look more like His. God accepts us by grace not by good works. Yet when true salvation occurs, a change in our lives will be obvious. God promises to purify your life and make you holy (1 Thessalonians 5:21-23). The word “holy” means to be set apart. This lifelong process of becoming Christ-like involves every part of our lives.

What do these verses teach us about dealing with sin in our lives?

Romans 6:6-7 _____

Colossians 3:5-10 _____

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 _____

What is one area of sin that you want greater victory over in your life? _____

Story on victory over sin

Obedience

In Matthew 28:20 Jesus commands His disciples, “*teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.*” Jesus calls anyone who would follow Him to surrender their life to obey Him wholeheartedly (Mark 8:34-35).

What do the following verses teach us about obedience?

Luke 6:46-49 _____

John 14:21 _____

Key Commands of Jesus

“*Repent and believe the good news!*” (Mark 1:14-15)

“*...be baptized, everyone of you...*” (Acts 2:38)

“*...pray and do not give up.*” (Luke 18:1)

“*...love one another.*” (John 13:34)

“*...forgive your brother from your heart.*” (Matthew 19:35)

“*give... to the poor*” (Luke 11:41)

“*do this [Lord’s supper] in remembrance of me.*” (Luke 22:14-19)

“*make disciples of all nations...*” (Matthew 28:20)

Are you obeying the commands of Jesus? Yes No Sometimes I don’t know

Read Matthew 13:44-46. What does this verse teach us about surrender? _____

Story on surrender

Love

“Of all the _____ which is the most important?’ ‘The most important one,’ Jesus answered, ‘is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. _____ the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all your _____ and with all your _____ and with all your _____. The second is this: _____ your neighbor as yourself. There is no _____ greater than these.”(Mark 12:28-31)

The most defining characteristic of any follower of Jesus is love (John 13:35). Jesus has taught us that these core values of His kingdom - loving God, loving each other and loving those that don't know Jesus - ought to govern all the life and decisions of a believer.

What do these verses teach you about love?

Luke 7:40-47 _____

Luke 6:32-37 _____

Story on love

YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- Share with the one taking you through this lesson an area (i.e. eating, anger, lust, loving your spouse/roommate) in which you would like to be held accountable.
- As read the gospels, begin writing down the things Jesus commanded His disciples in a journal and seek to obey those commands.
- Discuss with the one taking you through this lesson if and when you need to go through the *Seven Steps of Freedom*.
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share these lessons with someone who is ready to be trained.