

# CONNECT GROUP LEADER GUIDE

## *Like Jesus #2 – Prioritize Like Jesus*

### **BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART**

**LIKE Jesus?** A great question about where we are each starting. How much do we believe it is even possible to “Be Like Jesus.”? Another question to help your group get started may be, “When you say that someone is “like her mother” or I want to play football “like Brett Favre” what do we mean by that? Is that expression exactly like what we mean when we say it is possible to “Be Like Jesus” or slightly different? **Priorities of Jesus:** 1.Holy Spirit dependence 2.Prayer Saturated 3.Obedience to the Father’s will 4.Ministry of the Word 5.Exaltation of the Father 6.Relationships of Love and Integrity

### **A LOOK IN GOD’S WORD (some key ideas about Jesus and the Spirit)**

**Jesus and the Spirit:** Was conceived by a miraculous work of the Spirit (Mt.1:18) Jesus was full of the Spirit and led by the Spirit (Lk. 4)

**My life and the Spirit:** God equips his children through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works in us to change and sanctify us. (1Peter1:2) The Holy Spirit produces in us the fruit of the Spirit (Gal5:22). As we grow we “walk by the Spirit” and are “led by the Spirit” (Gal.5:16-18)

### **MY LIFE- OUR MISSION ----->**

## **Christ Community Church Announcements**

**Vision Planning Process** | On Sunday, APR 30, 4:00-6:00 pm, in G2, contribute to our Ten Year Vision Plan process. On this day, ALL are invited to join in answering the question, "Lord, where are you taking Christ Community over the next 10+ years?" This will include small group discussion on questions that will shape our current process of long-range planning. Plan to come for this important conversation.



**My Life ?'s**

**Did God make my day?**  
Focus: Engagement with God in prayer and the Bible

**Is the Spirit flowing through me?**  
Focus: Spirit-filled life

**Who shares my tough stuff?**  
Focus: Fellowship

**Who am I fishing with?**  
Focus: Spiritual multiplication

**How worn is my welcome mat?**  
Focus: Evangelism as a way of life

**How are my investments doing?**  
Focus: Investment in Christ's purposes for people.

**Serve opportunities and information** are now available in our monthly Serve newsletter. Go to [www.ccames.org/Serve](http://www.ccames.org/Serve) to sign up and see past newsletters.

**Mind the Gap** | At Christ Community, our gap is the number of volunteers we need to step off the platform and serve within our church each week. We need your gifts and talents! Staff and volunteers are available in the atrium to share more information and answer your questions.

**Fall Bolivia Trip** | We will be taking a group to Bolivia in early SEP to do a clean water project, which will include a two-day motorcycle adventure! We will be drilling a well and distributing water filter systems. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, MAY 7 at noon in room C1. You can go to [ccames.org](http://ccames.org), Serve 4th Place for more information or contact James Carlat [[jacarlat@gmail.com](mailto:jacarlat@gmail.com)]



## CONNECT GROUP STUDY

SERIES: LIKE JESUS

**PRIORITIZE like Jesus #2** April 23 – May 28, 2017

### BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART

When you think about being *like Jesus*, to what degree do you really believe that you can be *Like Jesus*?

Perhaps, put it on a scale of 1-10 (1 = very little & 10 = In the likeness of.)

Review: What were the 6 Foundational Priorities of Jesus?



### A LOOK IN GOD'S WORD

**Consider the following passages and discuss as a group: What do they teach us about Jesus?**

**Jesus' humanity on display in the desert:**

- Heb. 2:17-18 <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be **made like his brothers** in **every respect**, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because **he himself has suffered when tempted**, he is able to help those who are being tempted."
- **Heb 4:15** – <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who **in every respect has been tempted as we are**, yet without sin."
- **Phil. 2:6-8** - <sup>6</sup>"... who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but **emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And **being found in human form**, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

**Going back to Luke 4:1-13, do you see agreement with the passages above and the person of Jesus?** I.e. Does the humanity of Jesus in the desert match the humanity of Jesus in the passages above?

- If yes, where / how?
- If no, why? What do you disagree with?

**In the light of Luke 4 & the passages above, what was the role of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus, particularly in the desert?**

**What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life and ministry today? What are the implications of my answer to that question?**

### MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

**MY LIFE** – Is there a priority of Jesus that stands out to me, or one that God has laid on my heart to focus on / develop?

**YOUR FAMILY** – At a dinner table this week, review the 6 LIFE QUESTIONS. Explore with your family members their understanding of what each question means. Which question(s) resonate best with you...and your kids? Do you think it might help to discuss these together as a family each week?

**OUR MISSION** – Our LIFE QUESTIONS help us assess if our every-day walk with God is engaging in our church's mission. The more regular our meeting with God, the more we ask for the Spirit's flowing presence, the more we share our tough stuff with spiritual accountability partners, the more we "put out the welcome mat" to people not yet in God's family...well, the more the Lord *connects people to life-defining relationships in Christ*. Right? Let's lean into our Father's provisions, and these great questions, together!!