

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## Be with Jesus.

Jesus said, “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3). Life with God is the aim of life. Being with Jesus is our main worship, ministry, and calling and it is from Jesus we receive identity, restoration, power, purpose; essentially, *the ‘good life’*. We fulfill the goal of being with Jesus by learning to live in a constant state of connection with the Spirit. In this stage of spiritual formation we learn how to be in two places at once – in the world and in the presence of God by the practice, of what Jesus called, “abiding” or “remaining” in John 15.

To experience the life of Jesus, we must adopt the lifestyle of Jesus. Jesus’ lifestyle included regular practices which all contribute to life with God. You’ve heard of the phrase “practice makes perfect”. Athletes who make it to the Olympics practice, a lot. It’s no surprise when they win gold medals, they’ve earned it. In our aim of Christ-likeness we must practice the things that will ‘get us *there*’.



Silence + Solitude



Sabbath



Prayer



Fasting



Bible Reading

## Become like Jesus.

Being with Jesus promises transformation. It’s part of the Good News that when we have life with God we experience newness – a life where God is intimately involved in our lives to form us into people of love; just like Jesus was. Is change possible? The answer is: yes, and there are practices to help you along the way like:



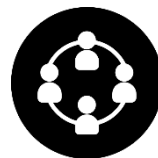
Dealing With  
Your Past



Identity +  
Destiny



Forgiveness



Community



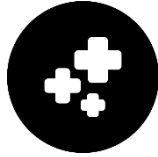
Simple Living

## Do what Jesus did.

As apprentices of Jesus, we are called to continue the good work that was started. This means doing what Jesus did. With each practice we grow in our relationship to Jesus and in our stage of apprenticeship to Jesus.



Hospitality



Healing  
the Sick



Preaching  
the Gospel



Peacemaking +  
Justice



Prayer

Just a reminder, all the practices listed aren't exhaustive – and perfection isn't the goal.

Life with God is the aim of a fully devoted follower. As we continue to allow our lives to be permeated with Jesus we will find that we will become people of love; people who belong to the Kingdom of God.

*What's your next step in your stage of apprenticeship?* Take some time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit. Are you drawn towards one of the three sections above? Is there one of the practices listed above that resonated with you? Write it out and make a simple, concrete, and achievable plan.

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