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# DUST

## Week 1: Covered in the Dust of Your Rabbi.



Dust. It's the stuff we walk in, clear off furniture, or stir up when we go digging in the garden. In the ancient world, the rabbis had a saying: "May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi." In other words, may you live and follow your teacher for all of life so closely, that the dust of your rabbi covers you. This Lent, we're looking to follow Jesus more closely, give up our sins + shortcomings, give more of all we are +

have, and transformed to new life.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Reflect upon your own spiritual life for a moment. Would you say that you look to Jesus as someone that you follow? If so, how, if not, why not?
2. On Sunday, we learned about following Jesus more closely. The way the rabbis in Jesus' day talked about this was to "be covered in the dust of your rabbi." You were asked to reflect upon three questions: what will you give up, what will you give more of, how will you follow more closely...

What is your plan this Lent for addressing all three questions above?

3. *Read Psalm 16.* This psalm is a celebration of David's relationship with God. What words, images, thoughts, feelings, come to mind as you read this psalm?
4. *Re-read Psalm 16:2-5.* What does it mean to call God "LORD?" How does this relationship of seeing God as LORD affect the way we relate to God and how we go about living our daily lives? Do you see a connection between following Jesus and his LORDSHIP? Describe.
5. (20 minutes) Break into groups of men and women. Find separate areas of your meeting space. Discuss: (a) As you reflect on your response to giving up, giving more, and following more closely, how can group members pray for you this Lent? (b) Take the time and care to pray for each person in the breakout session. Affirm and ask for God's strength for each one.
6. *Reconvene the group and re-read Psalm 16:9-11.* How does following Jesus as Lord transform our lives not only now, but eternally according to the Scriptures? How can you put this into practice in your life throughout the rest of the week so as to follow Jesus more closely?

### BE THE REVOLUTION

Jesus is LORD; as we follow him and are covered in the dust of our rabbi, we are transformed to become more like him - loving what he loves and living as he lives.

### RENOVATING THE HEART

I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you" (*Psalm 16:2*).