

**Instructions:**

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pick 3-5 questions to discuss that pertain to your group's unique style and needs.



**Series: Living Like Jesus**

The start of a new year is full of possibility; places to travel, goals to achieve, changes to make, new habits to create. There is a steady buzz from our world and culture that says you can live your best life *now* if only you buy this certain program or follow these 5 easy steps. And that noise grows even louder this time of year.

What if instead of asking, what can I achieve this year, we ask, how can I be more like Jesus? Join us this January as we explore different values of Jesus as revealed in the gospels and focus the new year on one simple goal: to live and to love like Jesus.

**Message description:**

Jesus gives us a vision for what the new Jerusalem and the new heaven and earth will look like; a just world where there is no more war, violence, sadness, sin, illness, or death. Where all things have been reconciled back to God and to each other, everyone feels whole and connected, and there is a sense of peace (*shalom*). It's a wonderful vision! But how do we hold on to that hope without growing weary of the brokenness in the world around us? By taking the hand of Jesus into discipleship and friendship. We don't always know the how, but we do know where we are going. And as long as we abide with Jesus and live his values, one step at a time, we can see the kingdom come. Let's be the revolution!

**Key Scriptures**

*Isiah 65:17-25*

*John 1:35-42*

*John 15:1-17*

## Questions Related to This Week's Message:

1. What do you think holds us back from following Jesus with all that we have?
2. In response to this series, where do you feel called to align with the mission of Christ? Or, what are you going to do differently because of this series?
3. Of all the values discussed in this series [friendship, humility, dignity of all people, generosity, small beginnings] which one challenged you the most? Which do you think we need more of?
4. What gives you hope for the future right now?

## Going Deeper:

### Read Ephesians 6:10-20

- In this passage, what does Paul identify as the things Christians “wrestle against”? What do you think this look like today?
- What surprises you about this answer? [Hint, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood.]
- What does Paul call us to do in response? How do we stand firm?
- What can the armor of God look like for you today?

“A community that wants to look like Jesus will confront the forces of evil, stand firm in the face of social injustice, and be willing, if necessary, to be the answer to its bold prayers. It was obvious to me: if our fun-loving community of faith wanted to become a healing land, we needed to download a big dose of courage from heaven.” [Larry Stoess, *Think Red*]

- What could it look like for us to “confront the forces of evil” and “stand firm in the face of social injustice” today? In Louisville? In our neighborhoods?
- How can we know about the things to stand firm against?
- What could a big dose of courage look like for you?

## If you didn't answer them last week, reflect on the following questions this week:

1. If the kingdom of God were to come in its fullness tomorrow, *do you see anything* in your city that would change?
2. When you look at your neighborhood, *do you see anything* that breaks God's heart?
3. When you look at your neighborhood, *do you see anything* that breaks your heart?
4. *Do you see anything* you can do to heal the broken hearts?
5. Where do you think we, as Revolution Church, are aligning with the values of Jesus?
6. Where do we need to re-align ourselves?