

The Hills Church exists to make and grow followers of Jesus, and we do this together by being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did. This series unpacks that strategy and explores Jesus' invitation to follow him as a call to both his life and his way of life.

Week 4: Do What Jesus Did

- 1. How does thinking of ourselves as apprentices change the way we read the gospels?
- FOLLOWING THE WAY results in IMITATION. In calling His disciples, Jesus was doing something to them in order to do something through them. (See Mark 3:13-15; 1 Peter 1:21). Rick said, our mission in every place is to live as if Jesus was in our place. Recall a time in your life where you did something because you first asked, "What would Jesus do?"
- 3. WAY TO IMITATION, THE HOW: Do what Jesus did with the guidance and enabling of the Holy Spirit. Read Galatians 5:25. Rick said, we spend time with Jesus through intimacy with the Spirit, we become like Jesus through the transforming power of the Spirit, and we do what Jesus did with the guidance and enabling of the Spirit. Describe some ways that you stay in step with the Holy Spirit.
- 4. WAYS TO IMITATION, THE WHAT: Have the courage to tell the truth like Jesus did with clarity and with charity. Jesus was a <u>truth-teller</u>. Read Ephesian 4:14-15. Discuss how you can share "the truth" in the midst of a world that promotes "my truth."
- 5. WAYS TO IMITATION, THE WHAT: Go further than just being different, MAKE a difference like Jesus did. Jesus was a <u>do-gooder</u>. Read Acts 10-36-38. Share some stories about how God has changed the direction of someone's life using your service.
- 6. WAYS TO IMITATION, THE WHAT: Become a freedom fighter. Read 1 John 3:8; Matthew 12:28-29. Rick asked, do you realize that every conversion is a power encounter where Satan is bound and forced to release his hold on a person to restore them to the sovereignty of Jesus? Jesus was a <u>freedom-fighter</u>. Recall a time when you stepped "in front" to fight for someone's rescue.
- 7. ...Follow up: Here's the question to reflect on as you go through this week: *Is the way I'm doing life bringing the reign of Jesus to others?* Follow up: What resonated with you the most in this series and our new focus on Be > Become > Do?

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