
Incarnational Christianity

“Growth: The Apprentice Model”

John 15:1-5

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Introduction: We are in the midst of a study where we are focused on learning to live like Christ.

1. We're calling it Incarnational Christianity, because when Jesus was with us on earth, we got a glimpse of what that was like.
2. Sadly, Christianity doesn't always focus on Christlikeness.
3. To prevent this, we started with the question: What does it mean to be born again?
4. Then we explored true spirituality.
5. Last week we focused in on living in God's grace.
6. This morning we focus on growth.
7. Living like Christ is a rest of our lives journey of becoming Christlike.
8. A great way to understand that process is the apprentice model.
9. An apprentice is someone who is learning a trade from a skilled employer.
10. In medieval times an apprentice was remarkably similar to the 12 apostles of Jesus.
11. So, this morning we will look at spiritual growth through the lens of the apprentice model.

I. The Apprentice Model

- A. What It Looked Like
- B. How It Worked

II. Training Vs. Trying

- A. Knowing
- B. Doing
- C. Being

Conclusion: What we are describing is a rest of our lives journey.

1. It is possible to become like Jesus, to live like Jesus.
2. It takes time, patience & practice.
3. There are no short cuts, easy steps or magic pills.
4. As we live with Jesus, we grow & He is able to live through us.