

In His Steps: Practicing the Way – Week 2 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker

1. What's something that tends to come out of you when you're stressed, tired, or under pressure?
2. Would you say your life right now feels more hurried or unhurried? Why?

Discuss

Main Scriptures: John 15:1-10

1. Martin Luther King said, "If you don't have a deep and patient faith, you aren't going to be able to make it." How does pressure reveal the depth of our faith?
2. Read John 15:4-5. What does Jesus say is impossible apart from remaining in Him? What does that tell us about fruit and effort?
3. Dallas Willard said, "Our part...is to direct and redirect our minds constantly to Him." What are the biggest competitors for your attention right now? What would it look like for you to direct and redirect your mind constantly to Jesus.
4. Read John 15:12. Pastor Jeff said love is the natural result of being with Jesus. Why is it difficult to love others well if we haven't first sat in Jesus' love? How is love for Christians seen and practiced differently than love for nonbelievers?
5. The sermon emphasized that practicing being with Jesus is more about subtraction than addition. What is one thing in your current rhythm that may be crowding out space to be with Jesus—even if it isn't sinful?

Practice

Pay closer attention this week to what comes out of you when you're pressured. Even if it's hard, let it reveal what you've been soaking in and give that over to the Lord.