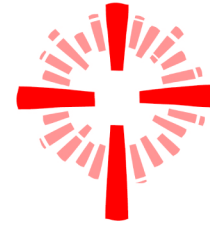


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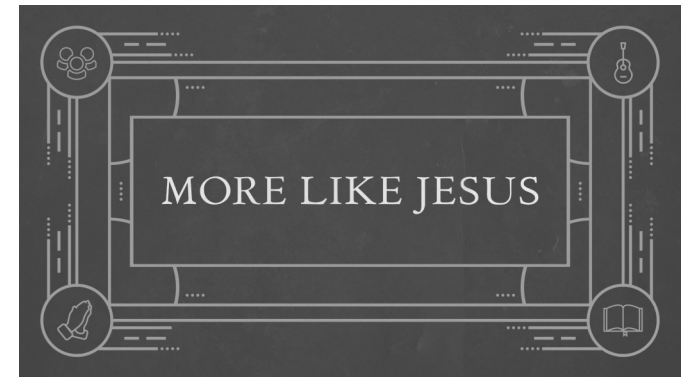
*...in worship*

**More Like Jesus—Listen Intently**  
**John 17:3**



*Come, Meet, Grow, Serve*

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*...in Community*

## Meet

Your friend wasn't able to make it to church this week. He/She has asked you to summarize the message for him/her. What would you say?

## Grow

Which verses were shared during the message?

Were these verses new to you, or have you studied them before?

What did you find challenging or new in these verses when you applied them to your life?

## Serve

What was the one thing—the golden nugget—from the message that challenged you, changed you, caused you to really think about things, and/or made you want to take action right away?

What difference has it made, or do you think it will make, in your life and your relationship with God and others?

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*...in Word*

## Listen Intently

How would you pray for your loved ones if you knew you were going to leave this world in the next couple of days?

Read John 17. What happened right before this event? What happened right after the event? What is happening in John 17? What are your thoughts after reading this prayer from Jesus?

Focus on John 17:3. How does Jesus define eternal life? How is this definition the same or different from your definition of eternal life?

Last week we heard, "The more time we spend with Jesus, the more like Jesus we become." How do we spend time with Jesus? How can we prevent ourselves from making these things "have to do" instead of "getting to do"? Are you more likely to make a checklist of what you do or focus on who he is? Explain.

What do you think about the statement, "Knowing God is about who he is, not about what we do."? Would you say Christianity is more relational or more informational? Explain.

What is your view on reading the Bible? What do you believe is the purpose of reading the Bible? How do you read your Bible?

Read Matthew 4:5-6. What do you think about this statement—"Satan reads scripture and he will tempt us to read scripture in ways contrary to scripture."? From Matthew 4:7, how did Jesus answer Satan's attempt to tempt him with scripture?

How does the psalmist in Psalm 27:4 describe the point of scripture?

Here are some questions to ask while reading scripture: What is this saying about who God is? What is this saying about his character? What aspect of his identity is he revealing to me today? Challenge—read scripture this week asking these questions and report back to your life group what you discovered while doing this.