Becoming Like Jesus: Practicing His Way - Scripture
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What does Scripture give us?

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me. 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (Matthew 4:1-11)

1. Scripture gives us <u>discernment</u>.

This is the ability to <u>judge</u> people and things well
Jesus knows who he is NOT. For him, to know God is to <u>obey</u>.
Scripture helps us understand what <u>honours God</u> and what does not.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:16-21)

2. Scripture gives us <u>definition</u>.

Jesus knows <u>who he is</u>.
Scripture defined his <u>purpose</u> and <u>mission</u>.
Scripture helps us see our place in His <u>story</u>.

How can we let Scripture shape us?

1. Start <u>small</u>.

a. Bible reading plan

2. Start with support.
    a. A HOME Group or Bible Study Class
    b. The Bible Project on YouTube
    c. Books (*How to Read the Bible* by Fee & Stuart; *The Blue Parakeet* by McKnight)

3. Start with stillness.
    a. Be alone, be prayerful, and be willing to struggle.

Reflections:

1. What have been some moments or areas of life in which Scripture has given you some much-needed discernment?
2. If someone were to ask you questions about Scripture, would you feel confident to answer them? Why or why not?
3. How do you want to grow in your reading and understanding of Scripture and which of the 3 practices could support you in your growth?

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HOME Church Membership Course on Sunday, November 8th between services. Please sign up today online or onsite after our Sunday services. Thank you.

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