

Discussion Guide: Disciples Become Like Their Masters, Part 2

Passage: Luke 6:37-49

Summary: Jesus continues to teach and reveals how disciples, or apprentices of Jesus, will begin to look more like Jesus. This means their lives and their actions will take the shape of Jesus' life and actions. They are generous with forgiveness, deal with their own sin before helping others, have lives that match their identity, and both hear AND obey Jesus' commands. But this kind of change doesn't begin with behavior change, it begins with a change of heart.

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus says, "A disciple, when fully trained, will become like his teacher." You can't avoid being a disciple...we are all followers of someone or something and becoming more like them. What does this look like today in our world? How have you been formed (or discipled) by our world?
- 2. A disciple of Jesus will be generous with forgiveness, not condemnation. What does "quick to condemn" look like in your own life? How does the Gospel form us to be generous with forgiveness?
- 3. Disciples are self-aware of their own sin and need for help and <u>then</u> are able to help their brother or sister. This self-awareness cultivates humility and compassion for others. What steps can you take to become more aware of your own sin? (*Ideas:* ask for God's help, ask friends, ask your spouse or kids)
- 4. Disciples of Jesus will hear AND obey Jesus. Does that describe you? Where do you see incongruity in your life?
- 5. Where is God inviting you to become more like Jesus? Close asking the Spirit to change your heart and make you more like Jesus. Trying harder won't help you, abiding in Jesus will. Ask for God's help...He loves to help the needy!