

WALKING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

“Rough patches along the journey”

Getting Started

Do you remember a road trip or vacation or maybe a simple trip around town that went wrong, a place where you hit rough patch in the road? Take a moment to tell the group your story.

Going Deeper

People often picture Jesus as a gentle and wise guru who walked the land, tossing around catchy sayings and simple folk wisdom that started a movement. No one who walked with Jesus would have thought that. Walking in Jesus shoes is more like hiking up a mountain with the danger that you might fall off of the cliff. Let's take the next few minutes to discover this Jesus

Jesus was a teacher. He had a quality-generally restricted to either a genius or a psychotic- of being so convinced that he was right that even intense opposition did not sway him.

-John Ortberg.

Read the following verses and note how you see this character quality in Jesus.

[Luke 4:18-19, 28-30](#)

[Luke 5:27-30](#)

[Luke 5:33](#)

[Luke 6:6-11](#)

Luke 6 gives a brief outline of Jesus first message. Let's take a moment to talk about it. Read [Luke 6:20-23](#). Jesus makes some odd statements about characteristics of people who

are blessed. What do you think he means by calling people who are obviously struggling “blessed?”

In [Luke 6:24-26](#) Jesus describes people who we would normally believe to be blessed, but Jesus describes them as in danger. Why does he do that?

How can rich and well fed and happy be dangerous when it comes to our relationship with God?

On Sunday Jack talked about three ways that, based on Jesus words, we need to focus. Take a moment to talk about each of them.

1) Make sure to stay in relationship with the people no one else wants
([Luke 5:27-31](#))

What people in your life do you need to reach out to based on this ideal Jesus challenges us to?

2) Honor God with my money ([Luke 6:24](#), [I Timothy 6:17,18](#))

How can money keep us from a close relationship with God?
How is God calling you to be generous with what you have?

3) I need to make sure I don't fall in love with comfort

Farrah Gray once said “*Comfort is the enemy of achievement.*”

- How have you seen this to be true?
- How is this true in our relationship with God

Action Step

What is one area of your life that you've been challenged by Jesus to change based on this message?

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