

# Becoming Christlike

## Open with Prayer Requests

### Read Romans 8:28–29

- When Paul says God works all things for “good,” how should we define/understand “good”?
- What is the difference between God working for our comfort and God working for our conformity to Christ?
- How does understanding your calling reshape the way you interpret life’s circumstances?

### Read 2 Corinthians 4:7–10

- Why do you think Paul describes believers as “jars of clay”?
- What does it look like for Christ’s life to be revealed through fragile people?
- How might our human weakness clarify the gospel rather than diminish it?

### Read John 3:3 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

- What does it mean to be “born again”?
- In what ways is becoming a Christian more than self-improvement?
- Where have you seen evidence of “new creation” realities in your own life?

### Read Matthew 16:24–26

- What does denying yourself look like in everyday, practical terms?
- Why is self-denial essential to becoming more like Jesus?
- What is one area of your life where following Christ has required you to surrender preference, comfort, or control?

### Read Acts 11:25–26

- Believers were first called “Christians” (little Christs) in Acts 11. What do you think that name communicated to the watching world?
- If someone observed your life closely, in what ways would they clearly see Christ?
- Where might your life send mixed signals about the nature of Jesus?
- How would you describe the specific ways God has been shaping you over the past year?
- What spiritual disciplines (Scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship) have most contributed to your growth?
- Has suffering played a role in your maturity as a believer? Has your suffering made you more Christlike?

## Closing Prayer