FORGED BY FIRE
"IMITATION"
ACTS 9:32-43
NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

Big IDEA: Christlikeness is marked by adopting the _____, _____, and _____ of Jesus

HOW CAN YOU GROW TOWARD CHRISTLIKENESS?

1. **Let his _____ shape the way you _____**

   40 *But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed…*

2. **Let his _____ shape the way you _____**

   40 *…and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.*

   HOW DOES HIS WORD SHAPE US?

   a. It enriches our _____ *(Col. 3:16)*

   b. It strengthens our ability to resist _____ *(Ps. 119:11)*

   c. It transforms our _____ *(Eph. 4:29)*

3. **Let his _____ shape the way you _____**

   42 *And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.*

Monday

Bible intake is one of the primary ways we grow in Christlikeness. Yet biblical literacy appears to be declining. A recent survey by Lifeway Research found that approximately two out of three regular churchgoers failed a basic Bible literacy test. We cannot expect to become more like Jesus if we are not consistently spending time in His Word. Are you consistently reading, studying, and applying God's Word? Take the 25 question Bible literacy quiz here: https://shorturl.at/JZLDU

Tuesday

Read Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, and 1 John 3:2. Becoming more like Jesus is ultimately a work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. However, that does not mean we are passive participants in the process. Read 1 Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 5:14, and 2 Peter 1:5–8. Based on these passages, how would you describe your responsibility in the process of becoming more like Christ? What spiritual disciplines do you need to strengthen?

Wednesday

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus modeled a life of prayerful dependence upon His Father. He prayed for direction, sought solitude for communion with the Father, and prayed before significant decisions. If Jesus prioritized prayer, how much more should we? Read Mark 1:35–39, Mark 6:45–46, and Mark 14:32–36. Is your prayer life evidence of growing dependence upon Him?

Thursday

What fills our hearts eventually flows from our mouths. The media we consume, the music we listen to, and the people we surround ourselves with all influence the way we think and speak. If we want our words to sound more like Jesus, we must allow His words to shape our hearts.
Read Colossians 3:16 and John 15:7. What voices have the greatest influence over your thoughts, attitudes, and conversations?

Friday

Read Acts 9:32-35 and notice Peter's declaration in Acts 9:34: "Jesus Christ heals you." Peter understood that the power to heal did not originate with him. He was simply an instrument through whom Jesus continued His work. As you seek to imitate the works of Jesus, are you relying on your own strength or His power? How can your acts of service point others toward Christ rather than yourself?