

HC MW Discipleship – Imitation

Introduction:

- At the core of discipleship is who are we a disciple of?
 - As we are Christians we are disciples of Jesus
 - Part of discipleship is learning from the Bible
 - Another part is being trained by others
- But often it is helpful to have a clear mindset on this

1 John 2:6 (NIV 1984) 6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

- **Discussion:** How do you walk like Jesus?
- **Discussion:** What are some examples/scriptures about Jesus that help you know how to live?
- What about imitating others?

1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV) 1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

- Paul calls the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ
 - No human is the complete blueprint
 - It is important that weed out things that are not Christ like
- **Discussion:** Having said that – how is it helpful to imitate the Godly qualities in others?
- **Discussion:** Do you have any examples from your life that you would like to share where imitating someone has helped you to change?
- One part of this scripture that can be particularly challenging is acknowledging where others would benefit from imitating you?
- **Discussion:** What is an area of your life that is worthy of imitation? (*examples: bible study, patience, parenting, prayer, marriage, work ethic, patience, generosity, courage, kindness, mercy, evangelism, serving in Kids Crew, ushering, sound crew...*)
- **Discussion:** How do you call someone to imitate you without prideful?

Challenge:

- This week find a Godly quality in someone that you need to grow in and let them know you are imitating them and get their help
- Look to call someone to imitate you in a Godly characteristic that will help them grow