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Sermon Title: Looking Like Jesus

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Scripture: Matthew 14:35 - And when the men of that place recognized (Jesus), they sent word into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick.

1. The one biblical word we must never forget is the word "remember!"
2. When God calls us to "remember" He's calling us to act in ways our remembering requires.
3. What God continually emphasizes Satan continually attacks!
4. When truth is forgotten blessing is forfeited.
5. Feelings of inadequacy can set the stage for holy desperation and dependence!
6. Jesus was a friend of sinners. (Matthew 11:19)
7. Jesus was full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)
8. Jesus was a servant. (Matthew 20:28)
9. Jesus was a voice for justice. (Isaiah 42:1; Matthew 4:23)
10. Jesus was a barrier breaker. (Matthew 1; Psalm 133:1-3)
11. Jesus was totally reliant upon the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 11)

Growth Group Questions

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WARM-UPS

1. Can you “remember why” you chose to make ACAC your church home? If so, explain?
2. Do you feel *well informed* or *confused* about ACAC’s mission and vision for the future?
3. If you were asked to explain the *mission* and *vision* of ACAC to an outsider, what would you say?

DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. Review points 6-11. In what ways do you feel challenged to look more like Jesus and why?
3. **Jesus was a “barrier breaker”** (Point 10). Do you work to embrace all types of people, or do you tend to erect barriers (consciously or subconsciously) that prevent you from interacting with people different from you and why?
4. Do you ever feel a “desperate dependence” on God? If so, explain.

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.

- Ephesians 2:10
- 1 John 2:6
- John 15:5

PRACTICE

- Spend some time alone with God in prayer and ask Him if your current walk with Jesus better reflects a “servant” or a “consumer.” Write down what He reveals or what you think you hear Him saying. Share it with a trusted friend and write down some action steps for moving forward.
- Are there service opportunities available to you now that you’ve been neglecting? If so, what are they? How can you embrace these opportunities and begin serving?
- Spend some time with God examining the 6 ways (Points 6-11) that we can reflect Jesus to the lost people around us. Ask God where you’re strong and where you’re weak. Are there practices or attitudes in your life that need to change? What do you hear God saying?