



Why We Do What We Do

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1. Living Together as Apprentices of Jesus *in the now-available Kingdom of God.*

Mark 1:14-15 NLT "Later on... Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. 'The time promised by God has come at last!' he announced. **'The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!'**"

2. Living Together *as Apprentices of Jesus* in the now-available Kingdom of God.

An **apprentice** is someone who has decided to _____ their lives around being and learning from another person SO THAT they can become _____ of doing what that person does, or to become what that person is.

"I am learning from Jesus to live MY LIFE as he would live my life if he were me."

3. *Living together* as apprentices of Jesus in the now-available Kingdom of God.

John 13:34-35 NIV Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.**"

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Small Group Questions

1. What inspires you most about our vision at St. Albert Alliance Church? Share examples of where you have seen the vision being fulfilled.
2. Prior to hearing the message, what would you have said was Jesus' core message? Why do you think Jesus' announcement that the Kingdom was now-available so often goes missing in Christian communities?
3. Engage with the question: "How would Jesus live **my life** if he were me?" Share with each other where in the last week has the fact that you have decided to apprentice with Jesus impacted a decision you made, a conversation you had, or what you gave time and attention to.
4. What are specific ways you are currently being intentional to arrange your life around being and learning from Jesus so that you can become capable of reflecting his life in greater measure? (Bonus points: identify specific 'training' you could engage in this week to help form his life in you. Example: praying for those who cut you off in traffic to grow in patience and kindness).
5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 then discuss Parker Palmer's quote that "Community is the place where the person you least want to live *always* lives."

What specific aspects of loving those who are 'difficult' do you find most challenging (use 1 Corinthians 13 as your guide of what it means to love well)? PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.
6. Take time to listen in prayer as a group, asking Jesus the following question: "Jesus, what aspect of your vision for us, to live together as apprentices of Jesus in the now-available Kingdom, are you asking me to be more intentional about? How and in what way(s)?"

Share with one another what you think Jesus might be saying.