

This weekend, Dale will continue our series Walk the Path with a message about connecting with God. This is a crucial part of what it means to live as a disciple, and we hope you will be challenged to commit or recommit to those habits that help us to draw closer to God.

Below are a few questions to guide some additional study about this week's message:

Here are some spiritual practices that provide us a means to connect with God:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Public Worship
- Reading the Scriptures
- Solitude and Silence
- Service
- Meditation

How are you doing in implementing any or all of these practices?

The goal of discipleship is transformation. In knowing Jesus as we follow Him, we become like Him and reorient our whole lives around Him. This is a work of the Holy Spirit in us that requires our participation. It is not passive.

How does this sound in light of what you believe about salvation being by grace through faith and not works?

How does this quote by Dallas Willard help you understand the process of discipleship?

*Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action.*

Supplement your discussion with 1 Timothy 4:8.

In 1 Corinthians 11:1, the apostle tells the church to "imitate" him just as he imitates the Lord Jesus. Take a few moments to consider the challenge here. How are you like the Corinthians who hear this command? Have you ever considered how God is calling you to be like Paul here? Is your life being reoriented to Jesus where you can offer help to others by how you live under His leadership and authority? What needs to change for you to be able to say these words with Paul?