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Like Me

Do you want to become like me? Yes Lord, I want to become like you. **How do you want to become like me?** I want to become like you in my thoughts. I want to become like you in my words. I want to become like you in my deeds. **That is very good. You and I want the very same thing. I want you to become like me.**

How do you think you will be able to become like me? I will never become like you by my own efforts. **No, you will not.** Only you can make me to be like you. **That's right.** You started off making me to be like you on the day that you adopted me into your family. You made me to be your child. **Yes, I did.** A child always becomes like their parent. **That's true.**

How do you think you will become more like me every day? That is a good question. I think I have a role and responsibility in becoming more like you. **How so?** I will become more like you as I spend time with you. I will become more like you as I draw near to you. I will become more like you as I am in your presence. I can't spend time with you and remain unchanged. You will draw near to me as I draw near to you. **Yes, I will.** I can't remain unchanged as I am in your presence. **That's right. So, your role and responsibility is to come to me. You need to make yourself available to me so that I can change your heart and mind and life.** As I remain in your presence you will change everything about me. You will change the thoughts of my mind, the words of my mouth and the deeds of my life. **Yes, I will.**

When do you think I will finish my work? When will you be completely changed? Now, I see you in part. Now, I am being changed in part. One day, I will see you completely. Then I will be completely changed. **That's right.** That is the hope I have in you. **That is very good.**

Lord, thank you for your love in making me to be your child. You loved me. Now, I love you. I know day by day you are changing me. You are making me to be like you in my thoughts, words and deeds. Keep on doing your work in me until I see you face to face. Amen

Discipleship*Be Like Him*

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

NIV

1 John 3:1-3

Discipleship*Be Like Him*

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

NLT

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Discipleship*Be Like Him*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

NRSV

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Discipleship*Be Like Him*

SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him. Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes *and* is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble *and* be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.

AMP

1 John 3:1-3

Discipleship*Be Like Him*

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

NASB

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ESV

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Discipleship*Be Like Him*

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

NKJV

1 John 3:1-3

Discipleship*Become Like Him*

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

MSG

1 John 3:1-3

Discipleship*Be Like Him*

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children—think of it—and we really *are!* But since most people don't know God, naturally they don't understand that we are his children. Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, right now, and we can't even imagine what it is going to be like later on. But we do know this, that when he comes we will be like him, as a result of seeing him as he really is. And everyone who really believes this will try to stay pure because Christ is pure.

TLB

1 John 3:1-3

Discipleship*Be Like Him*

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him, because we will see him as he really is. Christ is pure, and all who have this hope in Christ keep themselves pure like Christ.

NCV

1 John 3:1-3

Be Like Him

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Discipleship – 1 John 3:1-3

In Context: Read 1 John 3

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How were you completely unlike God before you came to know and love Him?

How has God used His word as a tool to help you to come to know Him?

How has God used His word as a tool to help you to become more like Him?

How has God been changing the thoughts of your mind as you have come to know Him?

How has God been changing the words of your mouth as you have come to know Him?

How has God been changing the deeds of your life as you have come to know Him?

What hope do you have that God will finish His work in making you to be like Him?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Draw near to God so that you can come to know Him and become like Him.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that as a child of God you will be able to come to know God.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how God is you making you to be like Him as you come to know Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you come to know the Lord so you can become more like Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will come to know you so I can become more like you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I come to know you better and become more like you today?
