FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE.

BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER

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Vision Sunday

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SUMMARY

This past weekend we looked at some of the things that we feel Jesus asking us to pay particular attention to as a church. Hospitality. Justice and Compassion. Responsiveness to Jesus. Storytelling.

READ

Passages listed in the Discuss section.

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

DISCUSS

HOSPITALITY.

Definition: People and environments that help others feel at home with God, the community, themselves and creation. **Read:** Luke 7:36-48

 In what ways does this resonate with you? In what ways does it challenge your views on what a full life looks like? How have you experienced the power of hospitality in your own life? What experiences do have of being treated inhospitably? What impact did that have on you?

JUSTICE AND COMPASSION.

Read: Isaiah 58:6-12

2) How do you define justice? How do you define compassion? Why do think both things are central to God's character and, by implication, to the church?

RESPONSIVENESS TO JESUS.

Read: John 10:1-14

- 3) What is your experience with hearing God's voice? In what ways do you want to grow in listening? What are some obstacles that you feel hinder your ability to hear God speak to you?
- 4) What has being responsive to the promptings of the Spirit looked like in your life?

STORYTELLING.

Read: Revelation 12:11

- 5) What testimony about Jesus is unfolding in your life these days?
- 6) Where have you seen the kingdom of God 'bubbling up' around you lately?

RESPOND

What do you sense Jesus asking you to pay attention to in those 4 areas and how do you think he's asking you to participate?

Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.

PRAY

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

