

PRAYER – Be sure to spend time in your MC gathering praying for one another; either at the beginning or at the end. Everyone should have an **opportunity** to share a need and receive prayer.

MC QUESTIONS BASED ON THE SERMON SERIES

1) Take turns sharing any plans for the summer. What are you looking forward to and what is going to be challenging?

Series Summary: Because of the resurrection, God has opened a door for us to experience a new birth and a new identity in Christ. This Christ-centered identity means that we have been made holy, set apart for a new kind of life that is completely different than the world. Our holiness leads us into living in obedience to Jesus and submitting ourselves under His grace-filled and glorious authority. And yet, by living differently than the rest of the world, a tension is created. Our discipleship to Jesus can create animosity with friends, family, and neighbors because how we choose to live doesn't always mesh well with others. On top of that, we learn that as followers of Jesus, our trials and hardships do not end... at least, not until the last day when Jesus comes back to right all of the wrongs that have ever existed. Nevertheless, our resolve is to emulate the life of Christ and be a servant to all. We serve each other as well as our neighbors. In light of the last year, many of us recognize the need to return to service at Resonate as the shadow of the pandemic begins to fade away. And all of this is possible because Jesus died on the cross, thereby restoring and renewing our purpose for living and giving us a more fulfilled meaning for life.

2) Share one thing from the "Filled" sermon series that was either challenging, new, or helpful for you and your understanding of discipleship.

3) How would you explain discipleship (what it is, why we do it) to someone who was either not a follower of Jesus or very new to Christianity?

4) Share with the group 1 or 2 ways your discipleship to Jesus has shown fruit over the years. In other words, how have you experienced the transforming work of God in your life as a disciple of Jesus? Bonus: Share the fruit you've seen in someone else's life.

5) In the series we talked about aligning ourselves with three goals in regards to our discipleship to Jesus: 1) Being with Jesus (relationship); 2) Becoming like Jesus (life transformation); and 3) Being on mission with Jesus (missional living). Of the three, which do you gravitate towards most freely and which is more challenging?

6) What steps are you going to take to continue your discipleship to Jesus over the summer? Help each other develop a plan.