Taking Worship Home

Discuss one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

What's the last book you read? Was it business or pleasure? Besides 42 Seconds, what other book would you like to read next? Why?

The introduction to 42 Seconds states, "Our goal is simply for Jesus to be a natural part of our lies and everyday interactions with people." What do you think about that goal? What emotional responses might people have to a goal like that?

Talk about one or more of the following with people who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

Read John 13:12-17 and John 15:1-15.

On the one hand, Jesus explicitly says that the footwashing is an example. On the other hand, a vine is not exactly an example to a branch.

Talk about how a copy or imitation is related to the original example. Then talk about how a branch is related to a vine. When do these dynamics apply or not apply to following Jesus?

Hebrews 10:10 says: "We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Jesus said, "Anyone who wants to come after me must take up his cross and follow me."

So, is the cross an example, or not? Discuss.

Introduction

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Prayer for the Week

Jesus, I want you to be a natural part of my life. I want you to be a natural part of my everyday interactions with other people. And yet, so often, I'm not even sure what that looks like.

Since you promised to send your Spirit, please breathe on me again. Give me your heart. Give me your thoughts. Give me your eyes.

I know I'm not always going to get it right, but don't give up on me. You have made me a branch and promised I will bear fruit. So Jesus, be my vine: nourish me, supply me, bind me to yourself, so I can live with you.

Amen.

By the Book

By next Sunday, make sure you **read the Introduction** in the *42 Seconds* book. The author, Carl Medearis, suggests we read and try to live out this book in community. Who are you going to walk with over the next four weeks? Write their name below, and pray of them this week.

If you don't have a name, show up for bible class next week and join the conversation. Start praying for someone Jesus would put in your life over the next month.

I'm praying for:

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