



Continue His Work

MODULE 4

VIDEO INTRODUCTION

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TEACHING

At the heart of discipleship is the reality that our inward transformation must always find expression in outward actions. Jesus consistently demonstrated this balance, living a life of prayer and deep inner connection to the Father while simultaneously engaging outwardly through acts of hospitality, generosity, compassion, and justice.

Continuing Jesus' work doesn't simply mean replicating specific actions he performed; more than that, it involves embodying the values and character from which those actions naturally flowed. As our inner lives are shaped by Christ, we increasingly become the kind of people who instinctively respond to others with God's kind of love.

Crucially, outward engagement is not something reserved for the spiritually mature or fully equipped. Instead, it is a vital part of how God shapes us. Engaging practically in acts of hospitality, service, generosity, and justice isn't just the result of discipleship; it's a primary means through which God transforms our hearts and refines our character.

Jesus clearly taught that discipleship carries an outward orientation: "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*" (Matthew 5:16). Our good works aren't meant to highlight ourselves but to point others toward the transformative power and goodness of God.

Ultimately, continuing Jesus' work is not a burdensome obligation but a joyful participation. Through our intentional outward actions, we experience firsthand the joy of partnering with God and witnessing the tangible impact of his love touching the lives of those around us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you experienced outward actions (like hospitality, generosity, or service) shaping your inner spiritual life?
2. Which of Jesus' outward practices—hospitality, generosity, peacemaking, compassion, or confronting evil—comes most naturally to you? Which feels more challenging?
3. What challenges or barriers do you face when trying to actively practice Jesus' ways in your everyday life, and how might you overcome them?

ACTIVITY: PRACTICING HOSPITALITY

This week, intentionally practice hospitality toward a neighbor or someone who doesn't know God. Hospitality involves welcoming others with kindness, generosity, and genuine care, just as Jesus did.

1. Pray:

- Begin your week with the prayer, “Holy Spirit, show me who I can welcome, serve, or encourage this week.”

2. Choose someone:

- Identify a person(s)—a neighbor, coworker, or acquaintance—to intentionally connect with this week.

3. Act:

- Engage in one practical act of hospitality. Examples include:
 - Inviting the person for coffee or a simple meal.
 - Delivering baked goods or a thoughtful gift.
 - Writing and personally delivering an encouraging note.

- Offering practical help with a task or need.
- Intentionally engaging in meaningful conversation.

4. Reflect:

- After your hospitality action, briefly reflect on your experience.

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did this act of hospitality affect your relationship or your awareness of God's presence?
2. Did you encounter hesitations or obstacles? How did you address them?
3. What did this experience reveal to you about Jesus' heart and his interactions with people?