



SMALL GROUP STUDY

1. Discuss the difference between Churchianity and Christ following. How can Churchianity disguise itself as Christ following? How have you experienced this in your own life?

2. For each of the aspects of following Christ (compared to Churchianity), look up the verses and discuss the following:

1. God reaching us

John 3:16, 14:6; Romans 3:10-12, 23; 5:6-8; Ephesians 2:8-9

Why is this important in following Jesus?

What does this look like in our lives?

2. God's approval

Matthew 6:5-6, 16; Galatians 1:10

Why is this important in following Jesus?

What does this look like in our lives?

3. What God's Word says

Matthew 24:35; John 1:1,14, 8:31-32; Hebrews 1:1-2, 4:12; 1 Peter 2:2

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What does this look like in our lives?

4. Transform me

Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 3:5

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What does this look like in our lives?

5. LIVING the Word

Matthew 7:24; Colossians 3:12-17; James 1:22

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What does this look like in our lives?

I WILL!

NINE TRAITS OF AN
OUTWARDLY FOCUSED CHRIST FOLLOWER

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ACCESS TODAY'S MESSAGE

Our website is designed to be a helpful tool for all things Northampton. At www.NBchurchCF.org you'll find: our church calendar, key events, email and text alert sign-ups as well as access to this week's message and past messages - all from your computer, tablet or smartphone!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

Next Step Spiritual Growth Opportunities

A great next step from the Worship Service on Sunday mornings is to connect in a smaller group that meets at 9:30am on Sundays. We also have small groups and other Bible Studies at various times during the week.

Children's & Youth Ministry

We have a safe place for your children and teens! There are several environments throughout the week for preschoolers, children, middle & high school students to take part in, connect with friends and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Whether you're in a small group now or not, use this study guide to help you as you listen to the message and during the week as you dig deeper into God's Word through the "Small Group Study" section. All of this is designed to help you along the path of discipleship to **Believe > Belong > Become** like Jesus!



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MESSAGE NOTES

I Will Avoid the Traps of Churchianity

Pastor Joe Pryor

Christ followers are committed to following _____ and walking in obedience to _____ above all else.

Churchianity vs. Christ Following

1. _____ reaching _____

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3. How I _____

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4. _____ me

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PUT ON THEN, AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, HOLY AND BELOVED, COMPASSIONATE HEARTS, *kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another,*

forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

AND ABOVE ALL THESE PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.

-Colossians 3:12-17

I WILL!

Move from "I Am" to "I Will"

Worship with Others

Grow Together with Others

Serve

Go

Give Generously

Not Be a Church Dropout

Avoid the Traps of Churchianity

Make a Difference

Adapted from "I Will" by Thom Rainer

Helping all people come to Believe in Jesus as their Savior, Belong to Him as a disciple and Become more like Him through Spiritual Transformation.