Is it Even Possible?

Roger Shouse · Matthew 11:28–30 · Series: **Gospel Meeting with Roger Shouse**

INTRODUCTION

- One of the themes throughout the New Testament that the Bible really drives at is that God wants you to be like Jesus.
- And so the question before us this evening, is it even possible for you and I to be like Jesus? Or are we just pretending?
- And so when we think about being like Jesus, we need to understand first of all, it's a process.

1 Come, Take, and Learn

Matthew 11:28–30

- Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.
- If you want to be like Jesus, you got to come to Jesus.
- It's the idea that not only is he the teacher, he is the subject.
- How is it I become like Jesus? I come, I take, and I learn.

2 Just As God in Christ Forgave and Loved Us

Ephesians 4:32; Romans 5:6–10

- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ has also forgiven you.
- Walk in love just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for you.
- But God demonstrates his own love toward us, and that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- And so God loves you even when we're not doing our best or even trying our best.

3 A Changing of Our Mind Called Transformation

Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 2:5

- It begins with a changing of our mind called transformation.
- If you and I want to be right with God and fly to heaven, we've got to change.
- The call of the gospel is not simply to go to church on Sunday, not simply be nice people. It's to change the way you think.
- Have this attitude or have this mind in yourself which was also in Christ Jesus. Start thinking like Jesus thinks.

4 Softening of Our Hearts Called Compassion

Matthew 9:36; Luke 18:35–43; Mark 5:32

- Seeing the people, it says he felt compassion upon them.
- And I think one of the greatest things you and I can do is stop.
- Of all people, we ought to be the most gracious people on the face of the earth.

- It wasn't the disease. It wasn't the troubles. It wasn't the problems. It's the people that Jesus saw.

5 The Redefining of Our Will, Our Purpose

John 8:29

- How I become like Jesus is the redefining of our will, our purpose.
- For I will always do the things that are pleasing to him.
- Not my will, but thy will be done.
- Not just the big things, not just when it's easy, not just when I like it, not just when I feel like it.

6 The Word Shapes, Fellowship Encourages, Grace Sustains

1 Timothy 4:15; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 10:24–25

- Take pains with these things. Be absorbed in them so that your progress may be evident to all.
- The fellowship of God's people, encourages us.
- The third aspect is the grace of God sustains us when we fail.

THE CHALLENGE

So this evening, where are you? Are you like Jesus?

MY NOTES