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WHO YOU REALLY ARE

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INTRODUCTION

This week, Pastor John continues the *Luke* series in his message entitled "Who You Really Are." When our "go and do" is directed by our "sit and listen," our Little Iowa looks more like Heaven. When our "go and do" for Jesus is directed by our "sit and listen" to Jesus, our Little Iowa gets better by Jesus.

DISCUSSION

1. **Read Luke 11:33-36, Matthew 5:16 and Proverbs 13:9.** When we sit at Jesus' feet, we experience His "light." What does that look like in a person's life [actions, speech]? Describe one person in your life who demonstrated this kind of "light." How did this person affect your faith life?
2. **Read Luke 11:37-46 and James 2:14-26.** What do these verses have in common? What happens when a person's "go and do" are not directed by time to "sit and listen" to God? Give an example of a person's inside **not** matching their outside. How did that affect that person and the people they influence?
3. Choose two people to slowly **read Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13** aloud, and have everyone else sit with their eyes closed. Spend about five minutes in silence to "sit and listen" to Jesus' words. With the group, share your experience. Was it hard to concentrate? Did your mind wander? What did you notice about this prayer you hadn't noticed before?
4. How can you as a group and or/individually spend time with God before serving Him? If you have a regular rhythm for serving, do you have a regular rhythm of prayer and Bible reading? Discuss obstacles to spending time with God and possible solutions that work in your life.

DO SOMETHING

1. Continue reading Luke and practicing the COMA Bible study as explained in the Luke booklets.
2. Prayerfully consider who in your circle needs an invite to one of the Easter services at Prairie Lakes Church.
3. Paraphrase the Lord's prayer [put it in your own words] and use it as a starting point for prayer and "sitting and listening." Set a regular time for this rhythm, and journal what the Lord reveals to you through this practice.

RESOURCES

1. Jesus' template for prayer is recorded in Luke 11. RightNow Media has a three-video series by John Piper about the prayer-life-changing glories to be seen in these most familiar words if we slow down enough to see them.
2. Watch The Bible Project's video on Luke 10-24 on for an overview of major storylines and themes.
3. In his book *Authentic Faith*, Gary Thomas helps sharpen your spiritual vision and fortify your commitment by examining ten disciplines God uses to forge a fire-tested faith.