

SPX Small Groups

Life is Better Together



Do as He Did - Week 5 May 18 – 5th Sunday of Easter

- 1. Will you attend any graduations this year? For whom?
- 2. Share an experience when you have encountered any kind of rejection. What did you learn from that experience?
- 3. In the first reading (<u>Acts 14:21-27</u>) Paul refers to the hardships he has endured to encourage other disciples facing similar circumstances.
 - a. What hardships have you experienced specifically because of your discipleship?
 - b. Do you agree with Paul that hardships are necessary to "enter the kingdom of God?" Why or why not?
- 4. In the Gospel, Jesus encouraged the twelve to love one another as the proof of their discipleship. When have you made the choice to love someone because of your desire to follow Jesus' ways?
- 5. When you encounter a "hard to love" person, how do you overcome worldly desires to ignore, shame, or get revenge on that person? How do you remain in relationship with them?
- 6. Given the high percentage of people in this country who indicate they are Christian, why is it so common in our society to seek revenge and/or retribution on those who reject us?
- 7. In your experience, has showing love to someone who has hurt or disappointed you ever changed the relationship for the better? How?
- 8. As we complete this series "Do as he did" what ideas have stood out the most? Where are you doing well in "doing as Jesus did" and where is there room for continued growth? What steps can you take to be more like Jesus in your daily life?