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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**Stuff Jesus Said: Episode 5 – Do What I Do. Say What I Say.**  
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**John 14:5-14**

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

**How would you live if you did not have a purpose?**

- **Acts 13:36** “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.
- **Proverbs 19:21** Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.
- **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Why did Jesus come and what was his purpose?**

Christ’s ultimate purpose was to manifest not only the Kingdom of God on earth, but the very presence of God, And, the mind-blowing statement He makes is that we are to do the same.

**Jesus displayed purpose of visible presence**

**Vs. 9** “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father”

- In this radical statement, Jesus is saying that he is God.
  - When people see you, do they see God?

**The Purpose of Audible Presence**

- Everything Jesus said was a translation from the Father’s heart.
  - **Vs. 10** The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

## The Purpose of Kingdom Bringing Works

- Every work Jesus did was done in agreement with God's will and carried with it all of the power and authority of heaven.
  - **Vs. 11** *"...at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."*

**Food for the journey:** Use these questions to go deeper in one of our small group communities or in personal reflection. **\*NEW FALL SMALL GROUPS BEGIN SEPT. 23**

1. Pastor Adam spoke about what it would be like to live life without a personal purpose. What are your initial reactions to that?
2. Few verses if any speak about a personal purpose outside of being a part of God's purpose. Why is our Christian culture then, so focused on personal purpose?
3. Jesus says that "if you have seen me, you have seen the Father." Is that mostly true for you also? How is your visible presence of God going?
4. How does one figure out what God is doing and get in alignment with that?
5. Jesus said that we are going to do even greater things than he did. Is this just hyperbole, or did he really meant this? How would we do that?