

**Living Your Purpose Discussion Guide**  
**Lesson 5 - Growth Potential**  
**(February 18, 2024)**

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

**Opening Discussion:** How do you resemble your parents' likeness or character?

**Dive Deeper:**

1. Read Genesis 1:26a and discuss when God decided he wanted us to become like him. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, Colossians 1:15, and Hebrews 1:3a, how can we discover the image or character of God?
2. Discuss the difference between being *like* God and attempting to *be* God. When does the desire to be God show up in our lives? As you have grown in your faith, what areas of your life have been transformed to resemble Christ?
3. How difficult is it for you to accept that God's goal for your life isn't necessarily comfort but character development?
4. Read Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and 2 Peter 1:5-8, and discuss what a godly life should look like in our values, attitudes and character. Where do you need to grow in your godly character?
5. Read John 17:17, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Hebrews 10:24-25, and Romans 5:3-5 then discuss who and what helps us to become more like Christ.
6. Read James 1:2-4. What various trials do believers encounter? Why do trials develop godly character? If difficult circumstances mature our faith, how should this knowledge change our attitude when we encounter rough patches in life?

**Encouragement:** We were created to become like Christ. Christlikeness is not produced by imitation. It comes by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who transforms us.

**Challenge:** Call on the Lord today to begin a new work *in* your life, which will enable you to become more like Christ as you move forward.

**Application:** How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?