## Living the Life #2 042323

The new life we've been given in Christ Jesus is to be  There are benefits and responsibilities in this new life.
The message is
Living the Life means living in with the Holy Spirit, so that you are guided and gifted to help others in natural and authentic ways.
Acts 5:20 (NKJV) John 14:1–12 (NKJV) 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (NIV84)
Again, the problem isn't the message. It's often the
Ephesians 4:17–20 (NIV84)
John 8:12 (NKJV)
We need to be able to with other people in genuine, life giving ways.
Hebrews 10:19–20 (NIV84)
One of the we have is that we can enter into the very place and presence of God!
John 10:10b (NIV84)
Deuteronomy 11:26 (NIV84)
What if the level of blessing in your life has a lot to do withYOU make - not ones that are made for you?
2 Peter 1:2–3 (NIV84)
Galatians 6:7–9 (NIV84)
The Biblical idea is that you can walk into any area of your life, placing your hand in a bag of seed (specific actions), and scattering those <i>actions</i> into your life.
<ul> <li>You have something to say about the of your life.</li> <li>Dare to stop the bad parts of your life on others or on negative circumstances.</li> <li> to trust God, take Biblically appropriate actions and start really living!</li> </ul>

## **Group Homework**—042323sa Living the Life #2

Looking back at your notes from the weekend service, was there a comment or verse that caught your attention, confused you, challenged, changed, or affirmed your thinking?

God's gift of his only Son was a gift of life, love, and salvation. Who wouldn't want that gift? We all need salvation from brokenness and insecurities. But sometimes the church takes that gift and makes it into something unappealing. People from church shouldn't keep people from church. Imagine what would happen around the world if Christians reflected Jesus' love to the people around them.

- **1.** Mahatma Ghandi said, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." Can you relate to that statement? Why or why not?
- **2.** Read **Matthew 23:1–3.** Have you ever been to a church where there was a disconnect between what was taught and what people did?

How did it affect your view of Christians? How did it affect your view of God?

**3.** How might you be unintentionally judging those outside the church or putting requirements in place that they need to meet in order to receive God's gift?

**4.** Think of one person outside the church who needs to see Jesus' love through your actions. What is one thing you can do this week to show that love?