

- Following Jesus is daunting when it's wrapped up in my own effort. We all need help understanding the systems, just like that new employee at QT.
- The good news wasn't birthed by your hard work. Where have you identified in your life that you are trusting in efforts for your salvation rather than the efforts of Christ?
- We have an Advocate. His name is Jesus Christ the Righteous. So we have hope for all of us who sin (i.e. everybody). Have you simply trusted in Christ to be your advocate (a pleading voice for your sin) and the sacrifice for your sins that has taken God's wrath for you (propitiation)? Where do you struggle to believe?
- It's possible to be either be too lenient or too severe on sin. John Stott. Trusting in Christ alone brings the perfect balance on sin. Where do you struggle with either thinking God can't forgive you or you dismiss your sin as not a big deal? Or even perhaps deny your sin altogether?
- Jesus advocacy is the continual application of his death on our behalf. John Calvin.
- Following Jesus means pursuing the ways of Jesus daily. To know God is to experience his love in Christ and returning that love in obedience. CH Dodd. Have you modeled the love and grace you have received from Christ to that frustrating person in your life lately? Can you share the story?
- Union with Christ necessarily involves imitation of Christ. W. Barclay
- Because Jesus is my Advocate, I can obey His commandments and imitate Him.