



Weekend Message on August 25, 2024

NEW CIRCLES

Start with a “get to know you” conversation. Ask everyone to introduce themselves, share how they got connected at Valley Creek, and one fun fact about themselves.

DISCUSS & ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

1. Circles are one of the ways we practice living like Jesus so we can live as disciples in our daily lives. As we begin the semester, let’s start by acknowledging where we are on our journey by answering these reflective questions ([John 5:6](#)):
 - Do I really want to change? *If yes, in what areas of life? If not, what is your greatest obstacle?*
 - Have I decided I want to be a disciple of Jesus? *If so, what does this look like in daily life? If not, what’s stopping you?*
2. We can become the person God created us to be when we have vision (a preferred future for our life; see [Matthew 4:19](#)), intent (earnest, eager, devoted, and committed to see a new reality), and means (resources, practices, or next steps).
 - Who do you want to become (your vision)?
 - What’s your intent?
 - What next steps (means) is God inviting you to take as you train to live a different way?
3. Read [1 Timothy 4:7-8](#). The spirit of the world has a plan to form us into its image. But we can intentionally plan to train ourselves to be godly.
 - If you’ve been with us since January, how have you been doing with your training plan? How are you arranging or rearranging your life?
 - If you are just jumping into the series, what is your training plan? How are you arranging or rearranging your life?

PRACTICE PLAN

Read through your Season One notes or the message transcripts. You can download Season One transcripts on [ValleyCreek+](#).

PRAY

Pray together: Jesus, give me a desire to be Your disciple.



LEADERS

- In your attendance, add feedback on question #1.
- Visit valleycreek.plus to rewatch Season One & Season Two of *A Different Way*.
- Grab a journal and access the reading plan at valleycreek.org/adifferentway.