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Connecting the Dots . . . (after sermon discussion)

1. As we have looked at being an "Imitator of Christ" now for 7 weeks, what is the most important thing you have learned that you can take with you?
2. As you think about Christian leaders who have influenced your life over the years, which one has made the biggest impact on your life? How have you learned to imitate Christ the most?
3. How do you currently understand the "work" a Christian leader does? Which is harder for you to imagine today, respecting and being admonished by a Christian leader or respecting and becoming a Christian leader yourself?
4. In the sermon, Pastor Scott discussed his struggle to wear cowboy boots, but he put them on to show what a willing heart does. Can you identify anything a Christian leader has tried to teach from God's Word that you have resisted?
5. We are in the middle of 40 Days of Prayer. If you have been willing to be a part of this experience, what are the benefits of a person beginning to "pray continually?"

Digging Deeper Together (for further study during the week)

1. In 1 Thessalonians 5:13 Paul says, "Live in peace." Why does this sound easy, yet feels hard? (Job 7:11, Ephesians 4:26, 31-32, Colossians 3:8)
2. What does Paul urge believers to do with the idle, the timid, the weak, and with everyone in 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15? (Ephesians 4:1-3)
3. Paul says, "Be joyful ALWAYS" in 1 Thessalonians 5:16. What is the foundation of Christian joy? (Matthew 5:12, Romans 5:1-2, Philipians 3:1)
4. How do you engage the idea of God sanctifying you (making you holy) through and through in 1 Thessalonians 5:23? Compare this with 1 Thessalonian 4:1-2. How does "through and through" result in "more and more?" (John 17:17)
5. How are you receiving the grace of God and taking it with you, allowing it to mold you throughout each day? (1 Corinthians 15:10, 2 Corinthian 12:9)