

GESTURES

FOLLOWING JESUS IN SIMPLE WAYS

Gestures—Week Four: Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

Connect

What is hands-down the best prank you ever pulled on someone?

Grow

1. What is either the most recent or most persistent situation in your life where you have felt the pressure to say or do things that you know God doesn't desire for you to do?
2. **Read Matthew 6:1-4.** God wants you to live a life full of honesty and not hypocrisy. Where do you most easily fall into hypocrisy? Where do you struggle being honest?
3. Jesus hates sin but loves the sinner. In the same way He hates hypocrisy but is willing and able to heal the hypocrite from pretending to be someone they aren't. What area of your heart, soul, and/or mind do you need to surrender to Jesus healing power?
4. What people has God placed you with for whom you could be a great example of God's grace and power at work to transform you into the person He created you to be?
5. *If God can love me, God can love anyone. If God can give me a thumbs up, he's not going to give you a thumbs down.* Where do you struggle to accept this truth about yourself? Who do you struggle to accept this to be true about others?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:18.** What mask do you need God to remove from your life?
7. This week, how will you choose Honesty over Hypocrisy, Humility over Hypocrisy, Character over Charisma, and Love over Legalism?

Pray

Here at Southland we say, "No perfect people allowed." Pray this week for people in your life who need to experience the grace and love of God—and freedom from perfection.

Next

Jon laid down a challenge saying, "If you've invested a lot of energy in becoming an expert in your occupation, shift that energy towards being an example and you'll be blown away by how God blesses it!" What shift will you be making this week? Be sure to share with someone else how God uses you this week!