

Sunflowers



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THE SUNFLOWER PARABLE



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There is the idea of sowing

There is the idea of caring

There is the idea of patience

There is the idea of growth

There is the idea of harvest

There is even the idea of sacrifice



**Why are sunflowers
called sun flowers?**



**The ironic thing is that why
sunflowers are called
sunflowers provides some
great principals for why we as
Christians should be
"Sonflowers"**



The Look Like the Sun



They Look Like the Sun

**Sunflowers have a
distinct circular center**

**From this center comes an array of
yellow and or orange-ish pedals**

This shape looks just like the sun



This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

1 John 4:13-17



Like Christ

**John starts off this idea that we can
know Jesus lives in us**

**Because if he does then we begin to
look like Jesus**

In action we begin to imitate Christ



**As time goes on people
see us and think Jesus**

**I have been crucified with Christ
and I no longer live, but Christ lives
in me. The life I now live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave himself for me.**

Galatians 2:20



They Follow the Sun



Following the Sun

**As the sun rises in the morning the
flowers spring to life facing the east**

**The sun moves across the sky
the flowers follow**

**By evening as the sun is setting the
flowers face west**

**When the sun goes down the flowers
hang their "heads" waiting for its return**



**While they are
individual flowers
they all have
one focus;
the Sun**



Following the Son

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21



**Being a
Sunflower
means being a
Son follower**



**That means going
where he went
(Matthew 25:34-40)**



People not Process focus

Invited In (got personal)

Met their needs

Fed them

**Took care of their
thirsty**

Clothed them

Tended to them

Visited them during their hard times



**Are you a
Sunflower?**



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