

Following Jesus!!!
Matthew 4:19-22

Facilitators – Please Listen to the Discussion Online Before Group

I) Involves Leaving

A. Past (Peter later tried to go back to) (hurts, habits, hang-ups)

Matt 4:19-20

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway **left their nets, and followed him.**

B. People

Matt 4:21-22

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship **and their father,** and followed him.

Luke 14:26

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

II) Involves Learning

A. His Mission

B. His Method

Matt 9:9-13

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 **But go ye and learn what that meaneth,** I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matt 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, **and learn of me;** for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls

III) **Involves Living**

A. His Attitude

Phil 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 **But made himself of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Matt 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me.

B. His Activity

1 Peter 2:21

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, **that ye should follow his steps**:

1 John 2:6

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, **even as he walked**.

John 13:14-15

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; **ye also ought to wash one another's feet**.

15 For I have given you an example, **that ye should do as I have done to you**.

Life Group Questions

1. Leaving many times requires letting go of some things in our past, why do we sometimes find this difficult to do?
2. Jesus said in Luke 14:26 that we should love him more than any person or even our own lives, how would this help us in letting go or leaving people in our lives that are not conducive to our following Jesus?
3. There comes a time in every Christian's life when he must decide who or what he will follow, whether it be tradition or man what decision have you made? (Be Honest)
4. Following Christ means we must learn what he was like, how he behaved, what steps are you actively taking to learn what we must become? (AGAIN BE HONEST)
5. We live in a world that is completely contrary to the attitude of Christ (Submissive and Unselfish) what can we do to combat this in our lives?
6. Can you say after hearing the message and discussing the questions, that you are following Christ? If not what is it going to take for you to start?