

Introduction

Follow Me: The true, radical call of Jesus

In this series, we will answer the question: what is Jesus's true call to his followers?

Luke 9.23-24

23 And he said to them all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Part 1: What is his call?

To give our life to change the world with him.

How do we change the world? We change the world by changing others' eternities

Part 2: Why so radical?

His glory is our goal

His grace motivates us

Part 3: How do we live like this?

Key areas

Total sacrifice

The "crazy filter"

Romans 12.1

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

1 Corinthians 15.19

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

Radical Relationships

Do I Have to Be Weird?

Far from God

Ephesians 2.12

12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

On the Road to Eternity

Ephesians 2.1-3

1 As for you you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

A Heavy Burden

Like Everybody Else

Permanent

Aimless

False Illusions

Main Idea: A Relationship Is a Temporary Opportunity to Change Someone's Eternal Destiny

Not an Accident

Acts 17.26-27

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

You Can

Temporary

Radical Relationships

Genuine Friendships

1 Thessalonians 2.8

8 We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

An Eternal Purpose

1 Corinthians 9.19-23

19 Though I'm free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I'm not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I've become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Eternally Changed