

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?

- Time
- Money
- Relationships

Part 4: What gives us the ability to do this

- This is the work of God, not of men

Colossians 1.29

29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Constant Communion

Main Idea: Our Strategy for Changing the World Is to Live Lives Connected to Jesus

John 15.1-7

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 you're already clean because of the word I have spoken to you (...)

4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you' ae the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he well bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (...)

6 If anyone doesn't remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned (...)

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Our Communion

How Do We Live in Communion with Jesus?

By Entering

Acts 2.38

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

By Listening

John 15.7

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

2 Timothy 3.16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4.12-13

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

By Talking

Matthew 6.9-13

9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come
your will be done,

on earth as it's in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.”

1 Thessalonians 5.17

17 pray without ceasing,

By Following His Guidance

John 15.9-10

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

By Fasting

Mark 2:19-20

19 And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

More Communion?