

Follow Me: Becoming a Disciple of Jesus

Week 2: "being with"

Follow-up discussion questions

*A disciple is someone who, by grace and by choice, is **with Jesus** to **learn from Jesus** how to **live like Jesus** – to be like Him and do what He does...*

To begin:

- ~ have someone recap the heart of the message on Sunday
- ~ have someone read aloud Matthew 4:18-22
- ~ pray and ask God to teach and lead you as a group

Explore together the questions most helpful to you:

- As we think back to the message on Sunday, what stands out to us – was there something that hit home for us, challenged us, encouraged us, left us spinning or praying? Explain.
- In the message, Scott stated that the key to **in**, **by** and **for** is **with**. The key to learning to live **in** Christ, **by** the Spirit, **for** the glory of God is being **with** Jesus.
 - How is this helpful for you? Encouraging? Frustrating? Explain.
- Recalling Scott's reference to Acts 4:13 (refer to the passage if you need a refresher) – who is someone who's life tells you that they have "been with Jesus"? What makes you say this?
- In the message, Scott talked about how we have often pursued components of discipleship in isolation. i.e. We've separated being with Jesus from learning from Jesus. And as a result, our increased understanding has not resulted in spiritual growth and life.
 - Why is this so common? Can we see this in our own lives? Explain.
- In the message, Scott made the claim – "**There is nothing more central and essential to the Christian life, to following Jesus, to being a disciple – than being with Jesus.**"
 - How are we seeking to be with Jesus – regularly and deeply? What does this look like in our own lives, and

how has this come about? Or not? If not, why not?
Explain.

- Who and what has helped us in this?
- What hinders us most from **being with** Jesus – deeply and regularly?
 - A lack of desire? A lack of time? A lack of understanding of how to do this? Other reasons? Explain.
- What spiritual disciplines are most helpful and essential to pursuing life with Jesus? What spiritual disciplines have become significant for us in this pursuit? How have we cultivated these practices in our lives?
- How can we pray for one another and help one another in this?

Conclude by praying for one another, as well as for God to teach and lead us more deeply into the life of discipleship:

*“Jesus, you’ve called us to be your disciples –
to live our lives as your followers.
Jesus, teach us what this means,
and help us to follow.”*