

Follow Me: Becoming a Disciple of Jesus

Week 3: "who's your teacher"

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 lingers with us – was there something that hit home for us, challenged us, encouraged us, left us spinning or praying? Explain.
- Who have been the significant teachers of our lives? Who's shaped our thinking and, consequently, our lives?
- We often describe God as our Lord, or Saviour, our Shepherd, our Father, our Friend, our Confidante, our Strength...
 - Do we similarly consider Jesus our Teacher? The main Teacher of our lives? Do we approach Him in this way? Explain.
- What kinds of things could Jesus teach us? In what ways can we see our need for Jesus to be our Teacher? Can we give any examples of how or what Jesus has taught us?
- Recognizing that God uses the wisdom and insights of others to teach us, how can we make sure that it's really Jesus' voice that we are submitting to, and not just that of others?
- What holds us back from embracing Jesus as our Teacher and seeking to learn from Jesus? What are the biggest roadblocks to our regularly and intentionally seeking to learn from Jesus?
 - Are we honestly convinced that He has something significant to say about every aspect of our lives?

- Do we lack confidence that Jesus could or would truly teach us?
 - Do we feel that we don't know how to do this? Or we find the means of doing this too confusing? (i.e. We don't understand the Bible, or how to read it to this end?)
 - Other?
 - Take time and unpack this together.
 - In the light of what we've shared, what thoughts could we offer one another to help address these roadblocks?
 - What has been most helpful to us in seeking to become people who learn from Jesus?
 - What has been significantly helpful to our own growth in this (insights, experiences, spiritual disciplines)?
 - How have we sought to be someone who learns from Jesus?
 - Explain.
 - How can we pray for one another and help one another in this? As we talk and listen together, are there things we could do together, or help one another do on our own, that would help us grow in this aspect of being a disciple of Jesus?
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Take some time to pray for one another, and for our church – for God to teach and lead us more deeply into the life of discipleship.