



Lesson 1

What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus?

“Follow me” = a compound word that meant “together” on “the _____.” It conveyed the idea of two people traveling together on a road or path.

In the New Testament, Jesus’ words “follow me” reveal there are five key characteristics of true Christian living...

1. Following Jesus involves a willingness to _____.

Mark _____

If you want to truly follow Jesus, be willing to surrender all for him. Don’t allow anything to keep you back from His salvation and the life He has for you.

2. Following Jesus involves new _____.

Mark _____

True discipleship will change you. It will set you on the path to living a new life. If you are seeking after Jesus, expect life change. When Christ calls you to walk together with Him on the way, He will transform your speech, attitudes, thought processes, and behaviors.

3. Following Jesus involves new _____.

Matthew _____

Following Christ means making His kingdom first. The priorities our culture may place on us should be secondary to His. Neither family issues nor financial interests should stand in the way of what He may call us to do.

4. Following Jesus involves spiritual _____.

Mark _____

Following Jesus often requires a commitment to enduring shame on behalf of His name. If we look to the world for acceptance and affirmation, we will never be strong disciples. By faith, we must actively accept the shame and scorn the world dishes out on those who profess Jesus. Endurance is a must!

5. Following Jesus involves gospel _____.

Mark _____

Following Christ means fishing for people. If one truly walks with Christ, he or she will be compelled to witness for Christ. A relationship with Jesus will lead one to reflect Jesus to others. Have you discovered this to be true? Are you engaged in fishing? Are you actively trying to snatch people from the judgment that is to come?

Follow Me Challenges

PERSONAL: Let’s get started creating a “My 5 List” where we’ll build a list of 5 people we know who need the love of Jesus and start connecting with them. This week, begin by thinking of 2-3 people in your family/neighborhood to get your “My 5” list kicked off.

PUBLIC: Participate in, invite folks to, and/or donate for a TBC Backyard Egg Hunt. More information can be found at tabernaclebaptist.org/events.

PRAYER: Pray for...

- the people you added to your “My 5” list.
- God to show you other people you can add to your “My 5” list.
- TBC Backyard Egg Hunts.