

SERMON OUTLINE John 21:22

You Follow Me!

FOLLOW ME

Jesus' First Call Was to "Follow Me"

Jesus Continued Call on the Lives of His Followers Was to "Follow Me"

Jesus Call to Us Is Still, "Follow Me"

FOLLOWING JESUS TO THE CROSS

There Is a God Who Is Infinitely Glorious (Nehemiah 9:5-6; Romans 11:33-36; Psalm 29:1-10)

We Were Created by God for His Glory (Isaiah 43:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

Everyone Has Sinned and Failed to Live for the Glory of God (Romans 3:10-23)

The Wages of Sin Is Death (Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23)

God Sent His Son, Jesus, to Pay the Wages of Sin (John 19; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 3:18; 1 John 4:10; Rom 5:8)

Forgiveness of Sin and the Everlasting Life Is a Gift of God for All Who Trust in Jesus (Ephesians 2:1-9)

FOLLOWING JESUS FROM THE CROSS TO ETERNAL LIFE

Rightly Understanding God and His Word (John 17:17).

Becoming a Worshiper/Lover of God (Matthew 22:37)

Becoming a Debtor/Lover of People (Matthew 22:39)

Living as a Part of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Growing in Godliness (Galatians 5:22-23)

Becoming a Suffering Servant (Matthew 20:38)

Recognizing our Dependence on God (John 15:5)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that following Jesus is the primary call on all of our lives. The main takeaway, therefore, is to follow Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you make of the fact that "Follow Me" is one of the very first and last things Jesus said on earth?
3. What do you make of the idea that the rest of John's Gospel is largely an explanation of what it means to follow Jesus?
4. Can you think of anything God requires of you that isn't contained in Jesus' command, "Follow Me"?
5. Do you tend to think of following Jesus as the main purpose of your life?
6. Do you know of anyone who has tried to follow Jesus by beginning somewhere other than the cross?
7. Which aspect of following Jesus to the cross (see above) stands out to you the most? Why?
8. Which aspect of following Jesus from the cross to eternal life (see above) stands out to you the most? Why?
9. Which aspect of following Jesus do you need the most help with?
10. If you are not already following Jesus, which aspect of it is most in the way of you doing so?
11. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Make a plan to use Advent well...for yourself, your family, and your DG. Pick up at least one resource mentioned in the service.
13. Begin reading through Ecclesiastes. Pray through it, asking God to help you understand it, in order that you might be duly transformed by it. Make a list of everything that stands out—questions, observations, encouragements, etc.
14. Pick one aspect of following Jesus to the cross and one aspect of following Him from the cross to focus on this week.
15. Invite one person to follow Jesus to the cross this week.
16. Pick one aspect of following Jesus from the cross to help someone else with this week.
17. Read either Jonathan Edwards' "[Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God](#)" or "[Heaven Is a World of Love](#)".
18. Ask two different people in your family or DG one thing they got from this sermon and how you can pray for them in light of it.
19. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon and for someone to help.

PRAYER POINTS

20. Adoration. Praise God that He is supremely and unendingly and inexhaustibly beautiful, majestic, powerful, praiseworthy, splendid, fierce, mighty, wise, and good! Praise God that He is perfect and eternal. Praise God that He is infinitely glorious.
21. Confess. Confess your sins to God. Confess any disbelief. Confess any ways you have resisted or rejected following Jesus. Confess any ways you've failed to love God, His Word, or His people well. Confess any ways you've cultivated ungodliness.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God that Jesus obeyed all the way to the end that you might follow Him into forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal life. Thank God that He not only forgives us in Jesus, but also transforms us and preserves us in Jesus.
23. Supplication. Ask God to save someone you love. Ask God to open our eyes to His infinite glory, the wickedness of our sin, and the amazing grace offered in Jesus. Ask God to give us an appetite for following Jesus wherever He leads and whatever it costs. Ask God to fill us with love for our neighbor as we make our way through Advent to Christmas.