



Sunday, January 7, 2007 • Dr. David Platt
TWO SIMPLE WORDS: "FOLLOW ME"
Matthew 4:18-22

What is a disciple?

- ▶ A _____ listener.
- ▶ A _____ listener.
- ▶ A _____ lifelong learner and follower.

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

- ▶ **Radical _____ for the glory of Christ.**
 - The Cost...
 - We leave behind _____ things...
 - Our _____.
 - Our careers.
 - Our _____.
 - Our position.
 - Our _____.
 - Our friends.
 - Our _____.
 - Ourselves.
 - We live for _____ thing...
 - To honor the _____.
 - The Contrast:
 - American Christianity is radically _____-centered.
 - Biblical disciple-making is radically _____-centered.
- ▶ **Radical _____ on the grace of Christ.**
 - The Process:
 - He takes the initiative to _____ us.
 - He provides the power to _____ us.
 - He gets the glory _____ us.
 - Our Prayer:
 - God, make us a _____ of Your grace.

(Over)

- ▶ **Radical adherence to the _____ of Christ.**
 - The essence of Jesus' method:
 - No formal _____.
 - No seminaries.
 - No membership _____.
 - No highly organized procedures or formulas.
 - Jesus was his _____ school and curriculum.
 - The implications of Jesus' method:
 - We are free from legalistic _____.
 - We are focused on building individuals, not an _____.
- ▶ **Radical _____ in the authority of Christ.**
 - He is master of every _____ in our lives.
 - He is Lord of every _____ in our lives.
- ▶ **Radical _____ to the mission of Christ.**
 - The _____ plan of Jesus.
 - The unhesitant response of the disciples.
 - The _____ question for the church:
 - Will we _____ His plan?
 - Will we follow Him so that we can say to others, "Follow _____."

Will we follow Jesus?

- ▶ **Consider the _____ of discipleship.**
- ▶ **Consider the cost of _____-discipleship.**
 - For _____.
 - For our _____.
 - For the _____.



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What is a disciple?

- ▶ A **casual** listener.
- ▶ A **convinced** listener.
- ▶ A **committed** lifelong learner and follower.

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

- ▶ **Radical abandonment for the glory of Christ.**
 - The Cost...
 - We leave behind **all** things...
 - Our **comfort**.
 - Our careers.
 - Our **possessions**.
 - Our position.
 - Our **families**.
 - Our friends.
 - Our **safety**.
 - Ourselves.
 - We live for **one** thing...
 - To honor the **King**.
 - The Contrast:
 - American Christianity is radically **self**-centered.
 - Biblical disciple-making is radically **God**-centered.
- ▶ **Radical dependence on the grace of Christ.**
 - The Process:
 - He takes the initiative to **choose** us.
 - He provides the power to **use** us.
 - He gets the glory **through** us.
 - Our Prayer:
 - God, make us a **trophy** of Your grace.

(Over)

- ▶ **Radical adherence to the person of Christ.**
 - The essence of Jesus' method:
 - No formal **school**.
 - No seminaries.
 - No membership **classes**.
 - No highly organized procedures or formulas.
 - Jesus was his **own** school and curriculum.
 - The implications of Jesus' method:
 - We are free from legalistic **ritualism**.
 - We are focused on building individuals, not an **institution**.
- ▶ **Radical trust in the authority of Christ.**
 - He is master of every **domain** in our lives.
 - He is Lord of every **detail** in our lives.
- ▶ **Radical obedience to the mission of Christ.**
 - The **unconventional** plan of Jesus.
 - The unhesitant response of the disciples.
 - The **ultimate** question for the church:
 - Will we **obey** His plan?
 - Will we follow Him so that we can say to others, "Follow **me**."

Will we follow Jesus?

- ▶ **Consider the cost of discipleship.**
- ▶ **Consider the cost of non-discipleship.**
 - For **us**.
 - For our **community**.
 - For the **world**.