

Who Is Following Who?

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He Is, We Are (Mat. 28:19-20)

*We don't want to be followers of Jesus in name only,
we want to reflect Him by imitating Him in character, in action, & in word.*

Why is it important for someone who calls themselves a disciple of Jesus to actually obey Him?

What happens when "disobedient disciples" (if there's such a thing) try to make disciples?

Discipe-a-what? (Jas. 2:19; Jn. 5:39; Jn. 10:10)

Is a disciple someone who simply believes in Jesus? Why or why not (see Jas. 2:19)?

Is a disciple a student of Jesus who simply learns about Him (see Jn. 5:39)? Why or why not?

Is a disciple someone who is simply a good, moral person who holds to certain cultural values?
Why or why not?

What does Jesus want you to become? How does He assist you in this pursuit?

Who Follows Who? (Mat. 16:24-26; Lk. 6:46-47)

Recount an occasion that you've gotten lost because you forgot to follow your leader:

What are some ways you've messed up in life because you chose to walk down a path without following Jesus?

What does it look like for someone to "give up their own way" and follow Jesus (Mat. 16:24)?

How would you answer Jesus' in Luke 6:46? How does v. 47 teach you to be a disciple?

Do I follow Jesus where He is leading me? Or, do I expect Jesus to follow me where I go?

How have you been blessed in following Jesus down the paths He's led you?

What are some paths that you are still trying to navigate on your own apart from Jesus?

Responding to the Call (Mat. 4:18-22; Lk. 5:27-28; Mat. 19:21-22)

How did the disciples respond to Jesus' call in Matt. 4:18-22? Did they "give up their own way"?

How did Matthew (Levi) the tax-collector respond to Jesus call to follow Him (see Lk. 5:27-28)?

*Is your life so great that very one who designed and created
life itself can't do any better than you at shaping it?*

What hang up did the rich young ruler have that kept Him from following Jesus (Mat. 19:21-22)?

How do you think his life would have turned out if he obeyed Jesus and followed Him?

Why is it so difficult to give up our own way?

Am I Following You?

How do you know if you're following Jesus or He's following you? Ask Him! Lay before Him your life and ask Him how you can follow Him:

- Jesus, have I made plans for my money that you wouldn't make? How do you want me to manage it?
- Jesus, I have made plans for my career, is it the path you have for me? Do I need to change my path?
- Jesus, am I shaping the lives of my children in a way that you would want me to? Am I raising them in your way or my own?
- Jesus, am I following you in the way that I take care of the relationships you've given me?

Jesus has something to say when we ask Him about how we are currently living our lives. He wants your whole life to become a beautiful thing. Trust when He asks you to follow Him!

Disciples of Jesus 1) Come to Him, 2) Listen to what He says, and 3) Do what He tells them to do.