

# October 12, 2025

Come Follow Me

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## Matthew 4:18-20

### Follow \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:24)

- ✓ To follow Jesus is not to be taken as an \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, simply including Him in our plans
- ✓ Jesus commands us to follow Him in the way He \_\_\_\_\_, not try and lead Him in the way we choose
- ✓ The cost of following Jesus is to put Him above everything, even \_\_\_\_\_

### Follow \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:27)

- ✓ Following Jesus is an invitation to the \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ There is intimacy in following Jesus not just from us \_\_\_\_\_ Him, but also being \_\_\_\_\_ by Him
- ✓ "To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God." ~ Tim Keller

### Follow \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:28-30)

- ✓ Resting in Jesus is to \_\_\_\_\_ that He is the one leading
- ✓ Resting in Jesus is to bring our needs to Him instead of living in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ "Christ did not say, 'I will give you rest from sorrow.' He said, 'I will give you rest in sorrow.' He did not promise insurance from trouble, but assurance in the midst of trouble." ~ Billy Graham

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## Sermon Talks

1. Think about a time when you had to make a decision about a big change in your life. What led to the decision you made? What did the Lord teach you through the process?
2. Read Matthew 4:18-22 and Luke 5:1-11. What made Jesus so appealing to Peter, Andrew, James, and John that they left their jobs to follow Him?
3. What does a deeper life with Jesus look like to you? How can that spur us on to walk alongside Him in sharing His message to others?
4. What does it mean to follow Jesus exclusively? What are some of the competing allegiances that prevent us from surrendering the throne of our lives to Him?
5. How does being known by Jesus help us grow closer to Him?
6. Reread Tim Keller's quote about being known. Would you agree with him? Why or why not.
7. Reread Matthew 11:28-30. What is Jesus' invitation? Who is Jesus talking to? What claim/promise does He make?
8. Is there a time when you saw God's hand in the middle of your trouble? Explain.
9. Read Romans 5:1-5. What are lessons we can learn in our most difficult times?
10. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.