

The Following

Introduction: We can't be leaders in the church unless we are followers. When Jesus called you, He called you to follow Him. This requires that you make a move. The church is called to be a body of disciples who follow Jesus. Jesus is the head of the church and every member of the body of Christ is to follow the head. You have been called to make a journey and this journey requires that you take a walk. This is a journey that has a destination that can only be reached by following the Lord. Individually you and I are to be followers of Jesus, together we make up a following.

Today, I will;

- I will Follow His plan over my plan: **Luke 9:23** *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let Him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."* We cannot see the future, but God can. We can't clearly see the spiritual, But God can.
Follow Jesus by following His plan.
- I will Follow His righteousness over self-righteousness: **Luke 9:24** *"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."* By grace you have been saved and grace is enough to be His disciple.
Follow Jesus by walking in His righteousness.
- Follow His treasure over my treasure: **Luke 9:25** *"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"* Seek first the things of God and He will add His blessings to your life.
Follow Jesus by seeking His riches.
- Follow Him publicly over privately: **Luke 9:26** *"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in the Father's and of the holy angels."* There are many around you that want Who you have. Proclaim Him that they might also receive Him.
Follow Jesus by not hiding who you are in Christ.

We love God because He first loved us. Man walked away from God, God did not walk away from man. Yet He made the first move to reconcile you back to Him. Christian, you answered the call of the gospel. That was the first step. You have been called to follow Jesus by stepping into discipleship. Together, let us allow the world see that we are; The Following.