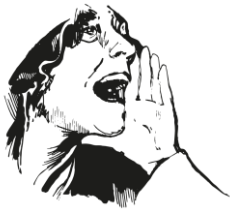


1/ COME



Key Focus

Come & See: Discipleship starts with awareness of Jesus before activity for Him.

Bible Passages

John 1:35-51 or Matthew 11:25-30

Overview of Session

First and foremost, Jesus invites his disciples to come to Him – that’s how the story begins. Some ordinary men were invited to come and see Jesus. It was an invitation that changed their lives forever. Our journey of discipleship also starts with coming to Jesus. We are invited to come and see Him; to look at His life, to learn from His example and to invite others to do the same.

Quotes from the Episode

“When there is an encounter with Jesus there is an urge to follow and know more about Him.”

“I wonder does this describe our lives as followers of Jesus: those who follow, those who learn, those who seek to imitate Him and those who share Him with those around us?”

2/ CALL



Key Focus

Follow Me: The essential call of discipleship is to follow our Master Jesus.

Bible Passages

Mark 1:16-20 or Matthew 4:12-25

Overview of Session

The call to discipleship is essentially a call to follow in the ways of Jesus. Doing so involved leaving behind many well-worn ways of living and to discover new attitudes and actions. Change is essential for discipleship. Disciples of Jesus aren’t just to be better informed but fully transformed.

Quotes from the Episode

“Following Jesus is about a complete change in our lives. Jesus calls us to surrender everything and follow Him.”

“Jesus doesn’t say to them ‘Come follow me and I’ll give you a great life.’ He doesn’t talk really about what he’s going to do for them. He talks instead about what He’s going to do in them and through them.”

3/ COMMUNITY

**Key Focus**

Share Life: We can't do discipleship alone. We learn to follow Jesus as part of His church.

Bible Passages

John 17:20-26, Luke 6:12-19 or Ephesians 4:11-16

Overview of Session

Jesus gathered a group of disciples to grow together. His plan was that they would be united as one around Him. An essential aspect of living as disciples is taking our place among a wider community of followers and sharing life with them. Jesus' community of followers is called church and it remains His primary strategy for reaching the world.

Quotes from the Episode

"Jesus' greatest burden for His followers is one-ness."

"Community – we can't grow without it and we can't go without it."

4/ CULTURE

**Key Focus**

Step Out: Disciples don't escape or embrace culture, but engage with it as they follow Jesus.

Bible Passages

Matthew 5:13-16 or 1 Peter 2:9-21

Overview of Session

Two of Jesus' pictures of what it means to live as disciples are being like salt and light. He calls us to purify like salt and shine like light in the culture around us. Living like salt and shining like light demands that disciples are present in the world, actively transforming culture rather than conforming to its ways. The calling of a disciple is to serve Jesus in every place, every day, in every way. Christ's love isn't to be restricted to the sanctuary but revealed in society.

Quotes from the Episode

"Faith is inherent in who we are so we shouldn't feel like we need to leave it behind when we enter the world."

"We carry light to a world in darkness that desperately hungers for it."

"We serve God when we live for Him in the day-to-day."

5/ COURAGE



Key Focus

Speak Up: Disciples aren't just called to live well in culture, but also to speak up for Jesus.

Bible Passages

Matthew 10:1-16 or Luke 10:1-17

Overview of Session

Rather than do all the ministry himself, Jesus released His disciples into the world around them to proclaim His message. In doing so, Jesus moved them out of their comfort zones to situations in which they could reach out to a hurting and hostile world. The places they found themselves and the people they would encounter called for courage in speaking for Him. Discipleship is not about being spectators in a cosy club but to be active in God's mission to the world.

Quotes from the Episode

"This mission of Jesus is not one of staying and waiting for people to come to the disciples – He's sending them out. This is an outward moving mission."

"When Jesus calls you, he equips you for the task. He asks you to do something and always gives you what you need to do it."

6/ COST



Key Focus

Deny Yourself: Following Jesus brings a cost in every area of our lives. In this episode, the cost of discipleship is particularly unpacked in regards to our time, our treasure and our talents.

Bible Passages

Mark 8:34-38, Luke 9:57-62 or Luke 18:18-30

Overview of Session

The call of discipleship is to go public with our allegiance to Jesus in the face of a hostile world. Jesus tells His followers to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. It is essential for disciples to serve Jesus and play their part in His mission whatever the price. While we find great reward in doing so, there is also cost to our reputations, our time, our money and our energy. We must not dodge the truth that discipleship comes at a cost.

Quotes from the Episode

"Salvation is free but discipleship will cost you everything you have." Billy Graham

"You cannot be a private Christian. You must share it."

7/ CHALLENGE



Key Focus

Go Make: The challenge of becoming disciples who make disciples.

Bible Passages

Matthew 28:16-20 or Acts 1:1-11

Overview of Session

Disciples are challenged to carry on the work that Jesus started. Jesus wasn't just adding more disciples to His club, He was releasing them to multiply His Kingdom in the world. It is still the same today. The last words He speaks in Matthew's gospel weren't just for the first disciples, but continue to be the essential agenda for every follower of Jesus until He comes again. Being a disciple involves finding our place in the church's task of making more disciples.

Quotes from the Episode

"We get to listen to the final team talk of Jesus before He leaves them to go to heaven."

8/ CONTINUE



Key Focus

Look Up: We never graduate from needing Jesus but continue following him in every age and stage of life.

Bible Passages

Luke 9:28-36 or Colossians 2:1-13

Overview of Session

The journey of discipleship continues as we mature in following Jesus. No disciple ever fully arrives this side of eternity and so we will never graduate from our need of Him. Discipleship is about continuing to be aware of this need. In a miraculous moment, the disciples' reaction was to be active in building something for Him, but Jesus called them back to focusing on and worshipping Him. Having come to follow Jesus, we continue as His disciples by looking to and learning from Him. What got us in will get us through.

Quotes from the Episode

"We get preoccupied with the wrong personalities at times and our eyes drift from Jesus."

"How we got into the kingdom, tells us exactly how to continue in the kingdom."