



# JESUS PEOPLE

THE MINISTRY YEARS OF JESUS

## Jesus People Part 8—Follow Me Pastor Jake Taylor 7.24.2022

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

### **[1 John 2:6, NIV]**

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

**True discipleship is about a lifetime of following Jesus.**

**Jesus brings gold out of unlikely candidates, purpose out of those who have all but given up.**

### **[Mark 10:17-22, NLT]**

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good." <sup>19</sup> But to answer your question, you know the commandments: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother." <sup>20</sup> "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." <sup>21</sup> Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for

him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

**What separates disciples from religious people is who is in control.  
[Matthew 16:24-25, NLT]**

<sup>24</sup> ... "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

***Jesus isn't here for compartmentalized discipleship. He wants all of you!  
You're not a disciple until Jesus has everything.***

**[Luke 5:27-28, NLT]**

<sup>27</sup> Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. <sup>28</sup> So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.

**[Romans 5:8, NLT]**

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **1. Repentance**

Disciples live lifestyles of repentance.

**[Mark 1:15, NLT]**

"The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

**Repentance without obedience is cheap grace.**

**[Psalm 139:23-24, NLT]**

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

## **2. Obedience**

***Obedience without repentance looks like dead religion.***

**[John 14:15, NLT]**

**"If you love me, obey my commandments."**

**The byproduct of true repentance is true obedience.**

**When you marry both repentance and obedience, you get true discipleship.**

**Is the sacrifice worth it? Yes, Jesus is worth it all!**

**[Romans 12:1, NLT]**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

**FOR MONDAY—**

- 1.** Pray and ask God to reveal any areas of your life you need to surrender control to Him.
- 2.** This week, recognize what Jesus is calling you from and what He is calling you to.
- 3.** Invite a friend, who follows Jesus wholeheartedly, into your life who can help and encourage you to live a fuller life in Jesus.

**TALK IT THROUGH**

- 1.** What does it mean to be a "disciple of Jesus?" What does wholehearted devotion look like?
- 2.** Does Jesus get to define what your life looks like? What does submitting to discipleship look like in action?
- 3.** Can you relate to the young rich ruler [Mark 10:17-22, NLT]? Are there areas of your life that you haven't fully surrendered to Him? If yes, how can you do this?
- 4.** Why do you think the rich young ruler struggled to follow Jesus fully, even though Jesus genuinely loved him?
- 5.** Why do we compartmentalize what Jesus has access to?
- 6.** What do repentance and obedience mean? What are some roadblocks that keep people from living this lifestyle?
- 7.** When considering the cost of discipleship, how is it worth it to follow Jesus?