

Sermon Title: Follow Me- Do What Jesus Did

Sermon Scripture: John 14:12-14; 1 Peter 4:10–11; 2 Timothy 2:2



Sermon Discussion Guide (8/24)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read John 14:12-14 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What do you think is the significance of the word “whoever” in verse 12? How does this word shape who is included in the promise Jesus makes to His disciples?

How do these verses challenge your prior understanding of what it means to follow Jesus? How do these verses encourage you to live out your faith within the communities where God has placed you?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. How are we called to use the spiritual gifts that God has given us? In practice, what do you think is the difference between using our spiritual gifts to glorify God and using them to glorify ourselves?

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. What is Timothy’s role in passing on the teachings he has heard from Paul? How does Timothy’s role demonstrate a call to equipping? What does Timothy’s role teach us about healthy disciple-making?

Application

Followers of Jesus are not simply spectators or spiritual consumers. Rather, we are active participants in contributing to the Kingdom. Why do you think the spiritual spectator mindset is common within American churches? Where do you find it hardest to move from being a spiritual spectator to being a participant in God's mission?

Every disciple is gifted for ministry. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering you to do the work of ministry by building up the Body of Christ or carrying out God's mission in the world?

To do what Jesus did involves making disciples. Are you currently discipling and equipping someone else to live out the Christian faith? If not, who might God be inviting you to spiritually invest in, and how is God inviting you to do it?

This is the last sermon in the series Follow Me, where we saw that a disciple is someone who Abides in Jesus, who is Becoming like Jesus, and who Does what Jesus did, including Multiplying their faith by making more disciples. Through this sermon series, how is God specifically calling you to more deeply follow Jesus? What is one step you will take this week to follow this call?

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the call of Jesus that invites us to come and to follow. Thank You for drawing us into an abiding relationship with You, for shaping us by Your Spirit to become more like You, and for sending us into the world to carry out Your ministry. Lord, we confess that on our own, the mission feels too great. But we rejoice that You have not left us powerless, for we are equipped with Your Spirit. You have entrusted us with gifts to serve, to proclaim, to forgive, to heal, and to make disciples. So today, we surrender to You again. Make us a people who multiply disciples, so that others may know Your love, Your truth, and Your grace through us. Amen.