

# **FOLLOWING JESUS**

## **Study Guide**

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## **Key Thought**

The church of Jesus Christ has been entrusted with the truth. Our calling is not merely to gather people but to make disciples who follow Christ. Through the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, believers are transformed and enabled to live in obedience to Jesus.

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## **1. The Church Has Been Entrusted with the Truth**

"The church is the pillar and support of the truth."

God has entrusted His church with the responsibility to preach the truth, teach the truth, defend the truth, and most importantly, live the truth. A church that neglects its mission has departed from its calling.

### **Scripture References**

- 1 Timothy 3:15
- Acts 20:27-31
- Titus 2:1
- Jude 3
- Philippians 2:14-16

### **Consider**

- What does it mean for the church to be the pillar and support of the truth?
  - Is truth merely something we profess, or something we practice?
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## **2. Jesus Called Us to Make Disciples, Not Merely Church Attenders**

"Attending church is not the same as following Jesus."

The Great Commission is not simply about increasing attendance, but about making disciples who learn and obey everything Christ commanded.

### **Scripture References**

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Luke 6:46
- John 8:31-32
- James 1:22-25
- Acts 2:41-42

### **Consider**

- Am I a disciple, or merely a church attender?
  - What area of Christ's teaching am I presently learning to obey?
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### **3. The Gospel Is More Than Information—It Is Transformation**

Truth enlightens. The Holy Spirit convicts. God grants repentance and gives new life through Jesus Christ. Salvation is not simply learning facts; it is becoming a new creation.

#### **Scripture References**

- Romans 10:14-17
- John 16:8-15
- Matthew 16:13-17
- Acts 2:37-39
- John 3:3-8
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- John 5:24
- Titus 3:4-7

#### **Consider**

- How has the gospel changed me?
  - Is Christ presently transforming areas of my life?
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### **4. The Gospel Is Jesus Christ**

Our hope is not in religion or self-improvement, but in the person and work of Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again, providing forgiveness, justification, and redemption.

#### **Scripture References**

- John 1:1-14
- Matthew 1:21
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Hebrews 10:10-14
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- Romans 8:1-4

#### **Consider**

- Is my confidence resting in Christ alone?
  - Do I treasure who Jesus is, or merely what He can do for me?
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### **5. Grace Does Not Leave Us the Same**

"The grace of God saves us just as we are, then transforms us into the people He created us to be." Grace forgives, but grace also teaches. Those who have been redeemed are called to walk in holiness and obedience.

#### **Scripture References**

- Titus 2:11-14
- Romans 6:1-18
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Galatians 5:16-25
- Romans 8:12-14

## **Consider**

- What evidence of God's transforming grace can I see in my life?
  - Is there an area where I need to surrender to the Holy Spirit?
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## **6. Where Is the True Church?**

The true church is not defined by buildings or popularity, but by people who follow Jesus, love one another, live in truth, and serve together as one body.

### **Scripture References**

- John 13:34-35
- Acts 2:42-47
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Hebrews 10:24-25

## **Consider**

- How am I contributing to the life and health of Christ's body?
  - Am I pursuing unity and love with fellow believers?
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## **7. Where Are the Men Who Follow Jesus?**

Godly men are called to maturity, courage, wisdom, and wholehearted devotion to Christ.

### **Scripture References**

- 1 Corinthians 13:11
- Philippians 1:21
- Acts 6:3
- Joshua 24:15
- 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

## **Consider**

- Have I put away childish things?
  - Am I standing for Christ even when it is difficult?
  - Can I truly say, "For me to live is Christ"?
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## **8. Where Are the Fathers Leading Their Homes?**

Strong churches are built upon strong homes, and strong homes require fathers who lead with love, humility, and example.

### **Scripture References**

- Ephesians 5:25-33
- Ephesians 6:4
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Psalm 78:4-7
- Proverbs 22:6

## **Consider**

- What example am I setting in my home?
  - Am I leading my family toward Christ by my words and my life?
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## **9. Jesus Still Says, "Follow Me"**

"If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me." — John 12:26

The Christian life is not simply believing certain truths about Jesus; it is surrendering ourselves to Him and following Him wherever He leads.

### **Scripture References**

- John 12:25-26
- Luke 9:23-24
- Luke 14:25-33
- John 15:1-11
- Philippians 3:7-14

### **Questions for Personal Reflection**

- Where am I today in relation to God and His Son, Jesus Christ?
- Am I following Jesus, or simply admiring Him from a distance?
- What area of my life needs to come under His Lordship?
- How am I helping make disciples?
- What would change if I fully embraced Christ's call to follow Him?