



COMMUNITY
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Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

John 1:43

Big Idea: Follow Me
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We started with the Gospel...

- That sin has separated us from God.
- That we now live in a corrupted and selfish state.
- Yet God from eternity destined to save us from sin.

And when that happens...We get Jesus. Jesus is now with us.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:15-20)

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. (Colossians 2:9-10)

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)

1. Deny yourselves
2. Take up your cross
3. Follow His commandments
4. Serve

...since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Colossians 3:9-10)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. (Mark 12:30-31)

What a wonderful result of us following Him, and what is sweet about that is that we experience that fullness with Christ.

*...sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.
(2 Corinthians 6:10)*

Or...we can follow the world...

1. Your own ways
2. The world
3. The flesh

When we do that...we will experience hollowness, empty cisterns, we feel that it works, yet we will never be satisfied, we will always experience death.

*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.
(Colossians 2:8)*