



Introduction: How did you come to _____ in Christ?

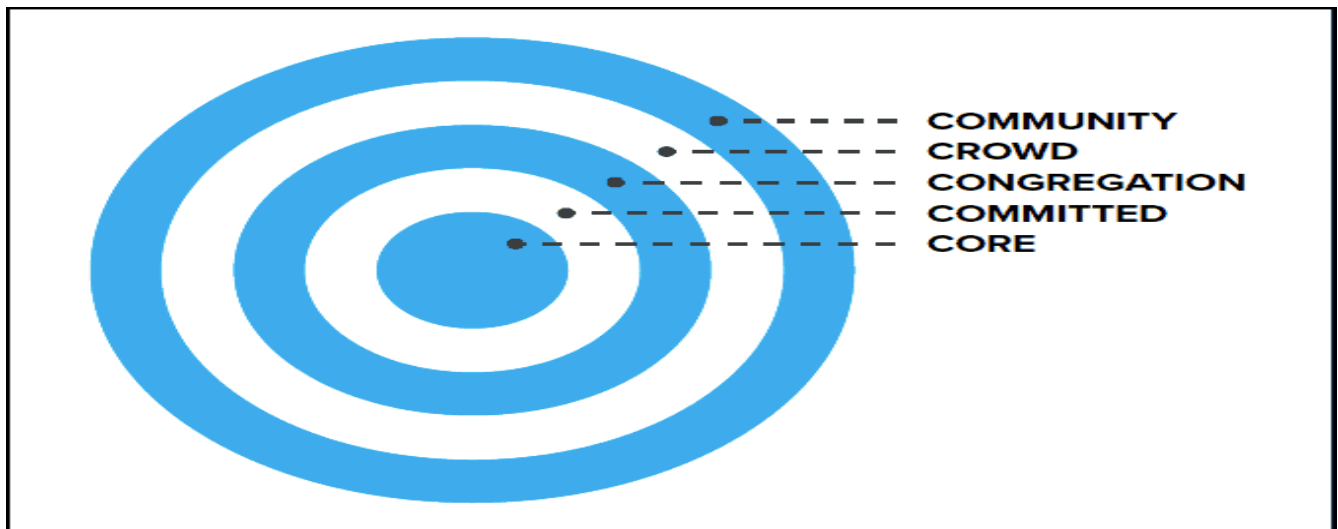
In our text, we are going to look at _____ types of people who must make a choice as to whether they would follow Jesus.

Who are they? They are:

I. The _____ – 8:18

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side.

The following circle helped me to see the _____ of people as they come to faith in Christ.



What is the _____ of Evangelism? The goal of the Great Commission ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)) is to _____ people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who is the _____?

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What do you think was Jesus' purpose in speaking to the multitude?
To _____ them in one circle at a time.

Our ministry is to present the _____. The Holy Spirit's ministry to take the Gospel and _____ a life.

II. The _____ – 8:19-20

19 And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Surely you would think that the religious would be ready to _____ Jesus, after all, they are religious, right? Look at what this scribe said to Jesus, *"I will follow you wherever you go."*

Do you think he meant it, or was this a very off-the-_____ remark? Did the scribe count the _____ of following Jesus Christ? Jesus reminded him, *20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

After speaking about _____ and _____ Jesus drops the bombshell on the scribe. Jesus said to him, *"But the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

This is the first time in Matthew that Jesus refers to Himself as the “Son of _____”. Jesus is presenting His _____ here. Note:

We need to remember as a Man that Jesus’ ministry was _____. He was always on the _____.

Some Bible teachers believe that what this scribe was looking for was _____. He wanted to be able to say that he was following Jesus the _____ teacher that was drawing the large crowds.

III. The _____ – 8:21-22

21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 22 And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

Another disciple responds to Jesus. He says, *“Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”*

Excuse me, but what is the guy doing there in the crowd if his father has _____? Shouldn’t he be back home taking care of the _____ of his father?

Ensuring your father had a proper burial was among the highest _____ of a Jewish eldest son. So, this disciple is saying, essentially, *“I want to follow you, but first I have other duties to take care of.”*

However, what we need to know is that this man’s father wasn’t _____ at the time. That is why he is a part of the multitude following Jesus. This man was talking about the _____, about a day down the road on which his father would die.

Bible teachers believe that what this guy was saying was that he wanted to stick around until the _____ of his father so that he could collect his inheritance.

_____ **first** – following Jesus second.

Jesus said, *“Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”*

What is Jesus saying to this _____?

Next, Jesus tells him that the _____ dead (his father down the road) needs to be cared for by the spiritual dead. Those who are lost in their sins and without Jesus Christ. Now is the time to follow Me.

Far too many people put _____ discipleship for things that are earthly and fleeting. Discipleship is about the eternal, about things that last forever.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Quote -

Conclusion: So, what are the take home _____ from this section of the Gospel of Matthew? Here they are:

1. Give the multitudes an opportunity to _____ about Jesus Christ. Love on your Community.
2. Move from being a part of the multitude to becoming a part of the _____. The Church needs godly leaders.
3. Count the _____ of following Jesus Christ. You may be called upon to give up a lot to follow Jesus Christ. I say again, count the COST.
4. Don't be a _____ in following Jesus. There is NOTHING here worth waiting for when it comes to following Jesus Christ.
Follow _____ today!