

FOLLOW ME: THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE

Learn

Ice Breaker-What is an important piece of advice that you have received or learned?

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...” (Matthew 11:29)

A life of learning means you’re a student of...

- **The example of Jesus** – “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (**I Cor. 11:1**)

Give one example from the life of Jesus that has caused a change your life.

¶ **Become an expert on the life of Christ** – “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” (**John 13:15**)

Describe a person you know who demonstrates the life of Jesus to you or others.

- **The teachings of Jesus** – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom...” (**Col. 3:16a**)

¶ **Become equipped in the Word of Christ** – “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**)

How much time do you give daily, weekly, monthly or yearly to being “thoroughly equipped” in the scriptures? What is your biggest hinderance to reading, studying and knowing God’s Word?

Some spiritual principles to inform personal learning...

- **Your mind can either be spiritually deformed or transformed** – “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is-His good, pleasing and perfect will.” (**Rom. 12:2**)

Would you say your mind is growing more in holiness or worldliness? What needs to change so you can answer holiness to that question?

- **What you believe (doctrine) should determine how you behave (conduct)** – “...we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way...” (**Col. 1:9-10**)

Integrity can be described as the flip side of hypocrisy (hypocrisy is where beliefs and behavior don’t line up). Do people use the word integrity when speaking of you? If not what will you do to alter that?

- **Confusion and doubt can be dangerous** – “He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree of the garden’?...You will not surely die,’ the serpent said

to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’” (Gen. 3:1b, 4-5)

Do you know the Bible well enough to counteract confusion and doubt that may be thrown at you? Tell of a time you have seen someone falter in faith because they did not know the word of God?

- ***The challenge isn’t having content, it’s having commitment*** – “Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely.” (1 Tim. 4:15-16a)

Are you a diligent learner who follows Jesus or are you just a fan who knows about Jesus?

- ***The point isn’t to know a book, the point is to love a Person*** – “Love the Lord your God with all your...mind.” (Matt. 22:37)

Head knowledge cannot take the place of a heartfelt loving relationship with Jesus. Do you know a lot about Jesus or do you know Him personally? Take a few minutes to pray and ask God to show you what you need to do to have a deeper relationship with Him this week.