

The Invitation to Apprenticeship

Practice the Way of Jesus

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OPENING QUESTION

What's something you've practiced or learned over time—like a hobby, skill, sport, recipe, or job—that you got better at simply by showing up consistently?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1:16-18

Luke 6:40

Matthew 16:24

KEY TAKE AWAY(S)

The Invitation to Be an Apprentice

Jesus invites ordinary people to follow Him—not just as believers or church attenders, but as apprentices who practice His way of life. What that looks like is:

- **Be with Jesus**
 - Apprentices organize their lives around closeness with their Rabbi.
- **Become like Jesus**
 - As we spend time with Jesus, His character begins to shape who we are.
- **Do as Jesus Did**
 - Apprentices practice the way of Jesus and carry on His work in the world.

QUESTIONS

1. **The sermon said apprenticeship to Jesus means being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing as Jesus did.**

Which of those three feels strongest in your life right now, and which one feels like it needs more intentional practice?

2. **Pastor Sean talked about being formed by something or someone, whether intentionally or unintentionally.**

What are some things currently shaping your thoughts, desires, habits, or priorities—and how can you make more room for Jesus to form you?

3. **When Jesus says, “Come, follow me,” He is inviting us into a whole way of life, not just a moment of belief.**

What might need to be surrendered, rearranged, or practiced in your daily life so that your response to Jesus becomes more than words?

PRACTICE

At church, we were invited to fill out a **Practice Plan**—a personal commitment to intentionally practice the way of Jesus throughout this series & beyond. Take a few minutes as a group to share what you wrote on your card, or what you feel God inviting you to practice in this season.

As you share, consider these questions:

Which practice are you starting with or focusing on most intentionally?

Why do you think this practice matters for your apprenticeship to Jesus?

What might make it challenging to stay consistent?

After everyone has shared, choose an **accountability partner** for the remainder of the series. Try to choose someone who is **not a family member**, so you can build intentional spiritual friendship and encouragement within the group. Check in during the week & pray for each other.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for inviting us to follow You and learn Your way of life.

Help us be with You, become like You, and do what You did in our everyday lives.

Give us the grace and courage to surrender what forms us apart from You and to practice Your way together.