Jesus is Calling You Out

“Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.” (Billy Sunday)

“I don't know what you think a Christian is. I've known so many people that think a Christian means goin' to church a lot. You may have heard this before. But goin' to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger." (Keith Green)

Jesus usually talked about His followers being part of a Kingdom, and He referred to His followers as Disciples.

Jesus said, “Go make *disciples* of all nations…”

“Those who do not give up everything cannot be my *disciples*…”

Jesus said: “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my *disciples*…”

“By this everyone will know you are my *disciples*. By the way that you love one another.”

Goal of a Disciple: *to become like the person you are following and to do what that person does–to pattern your life after your teacher.*

Is your faith about going to Heaven, or is your faith about becoming like your rabbi?

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

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14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

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15 “But what about you?” he asked.
“Who do you say I am?”
16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the
Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

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17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, & the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

“As you come to him, the living Stone–rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him–you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood…” (1 Peter 2:4-5)

Jesus said, “Upon this rock, I will build my *Ekklesia*.”

Ekklesia means an assembly, gathering, or congregation of people who are called out for a specific cause or reason.

His followers called themselves “The Way.” The road, the path, the street, the way forward for all humankind. Being like Jesus is THE best WAY to be human. Living for Jesus will make your life better and make you better at life.

To follow Jesus is to be called out from among all the people in this world to be a part of a gathering that is set apart, a group that doesn't follow the default patterns of this world, but follows Jesus… and changes the world.

What does it mean to be “Called Out?”

2 prayers:

1) Jesus make me DUSTY

Philippians 2:13, **“It is God who works in you, to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”** But right before that, in v. 12, he says, **“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”**

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2) Jesus make me HOLY

Don’t define relevant as “fitting in with the world.”

[21] Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.” (2 Tim. 2:21)

We are useful to the Master when we are holy, set apart, called out of the world to be like Jesus.

Being around someone who is dusty, doesn’t make you dusty

Many people follow Jesus at a distance. It’s easier. But is it real?

A Disciples life has this mission:
Become like my Rabbi.

We can gather without gathering with a purpose

Be dusty. Be holy. Be Like Jesus, Be Useful to the master. For this Jesus has called you out.