

## **You Can Do This: “Follow me until you see Jesus.”**

People who accept Peter and Paul’s admonition to be a disciple-maker and accept the mantle of “Follow me until you see Jesus,” understand three basic principles disciple-makers.

**You need to be likable.** People listen to people they like. The Bible teaches you to be kind, ready to teach, patient, and be gentle even when we need to criticize (2 Timothy 2:24–25a). No one will accept your invitation if you are not approachable and accessible.

**You need to create opportunities for people to connect to Christ.** It is God’s responsibility to change people from the inside-out (2 Timothy 2:25b) ; your role is to create the atmosphere. Your job is to create an environment that allows people to hear God’s voice. Only God can transform people into His image that bears the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Our job is help people to listen to His voice. (Galatians 5:22–23).

**You need to live a life of intentionality in following Christ so others can follow you.** At Cross Waves, we show you a life that intentionally follows the three great statements that Christ gave in the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-38) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). The Great Commandment tells us to love God and to love others, and the Great Commission tells us to make disciples.

We will deal with this third principle in more detail in the following sessions. So, to sum it up, you need to have the mindset of “Follow me until you see Jesus;” and follow these three principles: be likable, develop an opportunity for people to connect to Christ, and live a life of intentionality

of following the Great Commandment and the Great Commission given to us by Jesus Christ.