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CHURCH

Find and Follow Jesus

Pastor Chris Torres

Then Jesus gave the following illustration: "Can one blind person lead another? Won't they both fall into a ditch? Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher."

LUKE 6:39-40 (NLT)

We follow Jesus to **B E C O M E** like Jesus.

TWO ROADBLOCKS TO BECOMING LIKE JESUS

1 We get stuck in first gear.

A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.

LUKE 6:43-49 (NLT)

- We find Jesus once we become **I N T E R E S T E D** .
- We follow Jesus once we become **I N V E S T E D** .

INTERESTED VS. INVESTED

Nothing to lose	Everything to lose
Talk a lot about Jesus	Talk a lot with Jesus
Consume	Contribute
Want you to change	Want to be changed
Give when they can	Give all they have
Look for what God will do	Look at what God is doing
Hate their enemy	Love their enemy
Listen and applaud	Listen and apply
Focus on behaviors	Focus on become

2 We separate the sacred and the secular.

- We want to follow **H A P P I N E S S** and we want to follow Jesus.

Four Problems that Pull Us Apart:

1. Our Possessions
2. Our Popularity
3. Our Position
4. Our Power (Prestige)

Human beings are more than highly organized collections of atoms, molecules, cells, tissues, organs, and systems. None of these fully account for our minds, affections, and wills, let alone our capacity to relate to the timeless spiritual Being who created us. There is more to us than we know.

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Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

MATTHEW 16:24-26 (MSG)

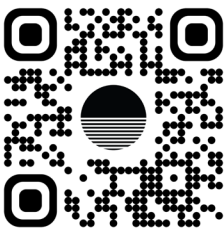
- Jesus doesn't expect us to change **S O M E T H I N G S** - Jesus expects us to change **E V E R Y T H I N G**.
- The Good News: Following Jesus is a lifelong journey **W I T H** Christ, rather than **T O** Christ.

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Pastor Chris, in his Sunday message, got us thinking about what it really means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He challenged us to do some personal examination to see if we are interested in Christ or invested? What from Pastor Chris's message impacted, challenged, or encouraged you?
- 2 Please read Matthew 16:24-26. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him:
 - a. I'm not ready for this
 - b. I've got a long way to go
 - c. I've come a long way
 - d. There's a lot more to it than I bargained for
 - e. Ask me tomorrow
 - f. Other
- 3 What things tend to compete for your desire to follow to Christ?
- 4 How does verse 26 influence the way you make priorities?
- 5 What would help you take the next step in following Jesus?



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Upcoming Events

- 12.01 | Christmas Nights Begins
- 12.02 | Christmas Nights
- 12.03 | Last Night of Christmas Nights
- 12.10 | Operation Christmas Child Ends
Classic Praise