

INVITATIONS

An Invitation to Come and Follow

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)

The invitation to be a _____ of Jesus
is to be an _____ of Jesus.

An apprentice of Jesus will:

Be _____ Jesus.

Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, and neither will you if you are not connected to Me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is like a branch that is tossed out and shrivels up and is later gathered to be tossed into the fire to burn.

John 15:4-6 (VOICE)

An apprentice of Jesus will:

_____ from Jesus.

*He came to his own people,
but they didn't want him.
But whoever did want him,
who believed he was who he claimed
and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves,
their child-of-God selves.*

John 1:11-12 (MSG)

The Great Preacher of peace and love came for you, and His voice found those of you who were near and those who were far away. By Him both have access to the Father in one Spirit. And so you are no longer called outcasts and wanderers but citizens with God's people, members of God's holy family, and residents of His household.

Ephesians 2:17-18 (VOICE)

An apprentice of Jesus will:

_____ what Jesus did.

Discussion Questions

1. How is what God says about you different from what others have sometimes said about you?
2. What is a spiritual practice you will be intentional with this week to be with Jesus? How will this help you live the lifestyle of Jesus?

Recommended Resources

- *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, by Dallas Willard
- *Get Your Life Back*, by John Eldredge
- *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, by Eugene H. Peterson
- *The Normal Christian Life*, by Watchman Nee
- *Peace Is a Practice*, by Morgan Harper Nichols
- *John Mark Comer Teachings Podcast*, Episode 5, How We Change: Intentional Spiritual Formation
- *The GraceLaced Podcast with Ruth Chou Simons*, Season 2 Episode 9, The Best Convo of Your Day

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