

# Seeing Jesus in Church



## Week 24: Seeing Jesus in Discipleship

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 13:4, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Micah 6:8, Matthew 7:24-27, 16:24-25, 19:27-30, 20:1-16, 28:16-20, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11, 9:57-62, 10:25-37, 14:25-35, John 8:12, 12:26, 13:1-17, 34-35, 14:15-27, 15:1-17, Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 5:1-2, Colossians 3:12-17

### **Devotional:**

There are a few different images in Scripture that depict our following of the Lord. But the image that appears the most is that of walking with the Lord. 'Walk in my ways' is a constant refrain in the Old Testament. It is a phrase and image that appears often in the Psalms as God's people profess their faith and desire to follow the Lord. God's people follow the ways of their Lord – they walk with him and walk like him. Today we often use the phrase "following in someone's footsteps." The idea is similar to the walking image in Scripture – we see God's way and character and we seek to follow in his footsteps.

As Jesus ministers, he calls a particular group to be his close disciples. They walk with him, and Jesus trains and teaches them to walk like him. Jesus makes it quite clear that his intention is for his disciples to follow in his footsteps. They are to preach like him, heal like him, and even suffer like him. The disciples learn how to do this by being with Jesus, watching him closely, and learning from him. The disciples are empowered to do this as Jesus sends them his Spirit.

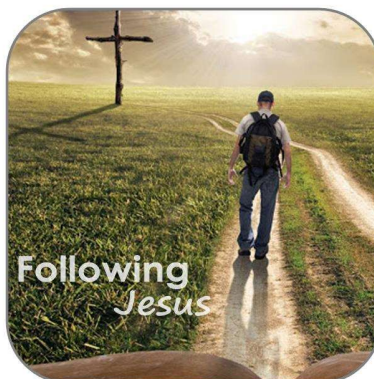
As the Apostle Paul teaches the believers to walk in the way of the Lord, he tells them to follow his and the other missionaries' examples. In 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." This is the pattern Jesus has in mind as he walks with his disciples. He teaches them to walk in his ways, so that they can teach others to do the same, and the cycle continues generation after generation.

When we think about discipleship, we are thinking about walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Of course we look at Jesus' own example and to Scripture to see the path of this way. However, we also look to other believers who God places in our lives to show us what it is to live as Jesus' disciples. God has set things up to work in this way. Who are these people in your walk? As we mature in the faith, we also enter into this role for others. Jesus' disciples are in the business of making disciples too. Who are the people

in your life that you are intentionally striving to make disciples of? Our walk in the footsteps of Jesus involves being intentional about being involved in these kinds of relationships. It is the kind of relationship Jesus calls us to with him, even as he did with some fishermen years ago by the Sea of Galilee – “Come, walk with me.”

### Song

*“Step by Step”*



### Activity

Who are you discipling in your life? Who is training you in discipleship? Be intentional about having both of these kinds of relationships in your life.

### Memory Verse:

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### Questions to reflect on this week:

- How have I seen Jesus in the **B**ible?
- How have I seen Jesus in the **L**ove I show toward God/others?
- How have I seen Jesus in **E**arth he’s created?
- How have I seen Jesus in **P**rayer?
- How have I seen Jesus in the **O**thers he’s placed before me?

[ **BLEPO**: means “to see” in Greek ]

**Seeing Jesus is believing in Him!**



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