

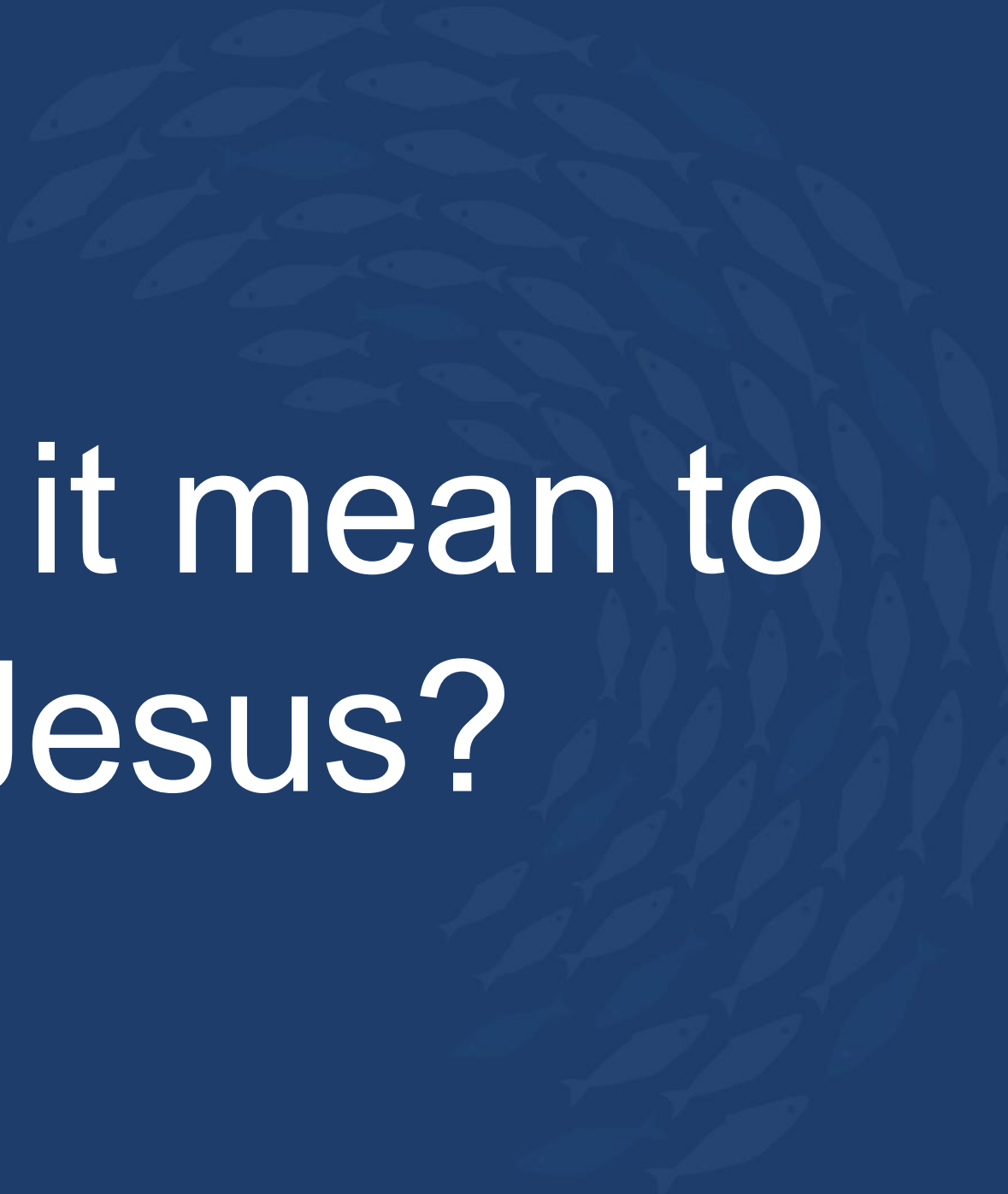


*follow*

**ME**



Who are we following?



What does it mean to  
follow Jesus?

# What is a disciple?

μαθητής – “student” or “learner”

Used over 250 times in the NT

“A person who followed a rabbi whom they wanted to learn from and live like.”

“Students are not greater than their teacher.  
But the student who is fully trained will  
become like the teacher.” (Luke 6:40 NLT)

Discipleship is not only informational,  
Discipleship is transformational.

“Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.” (Matthew 7:20 NLT)

Jesus also said, “your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:35 NLT)

<sup>18</sup> “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20 NLT)

# How We Make Disciples

1<sup>st</sup> - Baptise Them

The visible display of our invisible decision.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Teach Them to Obey

Commit our lives to following Jesus.

# Who can become a disciple?





“Come and follow me!”

<sup>18</sup> One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. <sup>19</sup> Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” <sup>20</sup> And they left their nets at once and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too.

<sup>22</sup> They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

(Matthew 4:18-22 NLT)

# Who can become a disciple?

Their qualifications didn't matter.

Their age and stage of life didn't matter.

Their personality didn't matter.

Their professions didn't matter.

Their gender didn't matter.

# Who can become a disciple?

All that matters is that when Jesus calls us to follow him, we follow him.

# How do we live as disciples?



“So that one may first accept upon himself the yoke of the kingdom of heaven, and afterward accept upon himself the yoke of the commandments.” (Mishnah Berakhot 2:2)

# How do we live as disciples?



“Whoever accepts upon himself the yoke of Torah, they remove from him the yoke of government and the yoke of worldly concerns...”

(Mishnah Avot 3:5)

28 ... “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

(Matthew 11:28-30 NLT)

# We Must Come to Him.

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“There is so much we can’t do in our spiritual formation; we cannot fix or heal or transform ourselves. But we can do this:

We can be with Jesus. We can pause for little moments throughout our days and turn our hearts toward Jesus in silent prayer and love.”

– John Mark Comer

We must submit to Him.

“Take my yoke upon you...For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” (Matthew 11:29-30 NLT)

## The Four C's

Our Cash

Our Calendars

Our Contemplations

Our Conversations

# We Must Learn From Him

“Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

(Matthew 11:29 NLT)

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

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