



Fall Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Fall Festival a success! The children in our church family had a great time playing games and dressing up, and everyone enjoyed the crisp fall evening together.



Ladies, start making your plans to join us for this exciting weekend! Get the details in this morning's insert, then visit our table in the Main Hall! ☺ 📱



Share God's love with a child in need—pack a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies! Get details and supplies in the Main Hall this morning. ☺

ONE WAY TO SERVE

Worship Technology Team

If you have an interest in technology and a desire to help with sound, lighting, and video during our Sunday morning worship services, there are plenty of opportunities for you—serve as little or as often as your schedule allows.

If you are interested in serving our church family in this way, please contact Blake Boyd at 940-692-4251 or by e-mail at blake@gracechurch.com.

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Lesson 6: The Fifth Mark—Following Christ's Compelling Leadership

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

The fifth mark of a committed disciple of Jesus Christ: A committed disciple of Jesus Christ is characterized by a response of allegiance to Christ's compelling leadership—*Matthew 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; 10:21; Luke 9:23*.

- I. Jesus Christ as a follower and precursor to leadership: The God-man was the consummate follower bar none, which prepared Him to be the most extraordinary leader possible—*John 17:4*.
- II. Jesus Christ as a leader: The incarnate Son of God epitomized leadership par excellence, especially in the areas of character, competency, compassion, and cause.
 - A. Character—*Matthew 8:26b–27; Mark 1:23–24*.
 - B. Competency—*Hebrews 2:10, 18*.
 - C. Compassion—*John 10:11; 13:1*.
 - D. Cause—*Matthew 4:19–20; John 21:15–17*.
- III. Key points of following Christ: Of the 30 occurrences in the gospels about people following Jesus Christ, several stand out as highly significant for all who follow Him as committed disciples.
 - A. The crucial element in following the compelling leadership of Jesus Christ is to spend time with Him—*John 1:37–39*.
 - B. The core strategy in following Christ's compelling leadership is the ability to fish for people—*Matthew 4:19–20; 9:9–12*.
 - C. The central understanding in following the Savior's compelling leadership is that there is no such thing as "one size fits all" among committed disciples—*John 21:18–22*.
- IV. The rich, young ruler and the call to follow Jesus Christ: Jesus used the requirements of committed discipleship in His encounter with the rich, young ruler to expose the man's sin and need for a Savior—*Luke 18:18–25*.
- V. The priority of following Jesus Christ: When a disciple of Jesus Christ chooses to follow Him, all the other issues in his life must be relegated to lesser importance—*Luke 9:57–62*.
 - A. A commitment to follow Jesus Christ must take priority over a desire for a place of permanency and replace it with the attitude of a sojourner (cp. *Hebrews 11:13*)—*Luke 9:57–58*.
 - B. A commitment to follow Christ's compelling leadership must take priority over our duty to family obligations (cp. *1 Timothy 5:8*)—*Luke 9:59–60*.
 - C. A commitment to follow the Son of God means that He must take priority over the members of our family (cp. *Ephesians 6:2–3*)—*Luke 9:61–62*.

What's Next

📍 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning
📄 : Online registration available



THANKSGIVING
OUTREACH

Please bring any filled grocery bags to the church office by Monday at noon. Sign up today if you'd like to help deliver meals on **November 22**. 📄



FEARLESS
DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND

This annual weekend where junior high & senior high students build lasting relationships is coming soon! Register today at gracechurch.com. **January 16-18**. 📄



Young Adults'
FALL SOCIAL

Gather together with friends as we give thanks and enjoy the blessings of the season. Reserve childcare online. **November 22 at 6:00 PM, 2410 Clayton**. 📄



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Senior Adults Game Night | November 17 at 6:30 PM
Ladies' Night Out | December 1 at 6:30 PM
Men's Breakfast | December 2 at 6:30 AM



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