

Series: Follow  
Sermon: Follow Wear  
November 12, 2017

**Have some fun...**

1. What was your first job?
2. Who was your favorite teacher?
3. What did you wear to church as a child?
4. Describe the worst date you have ever been on?
5. If you could go back in time, what year would you visit?

**Overview of Follow – Sermon 4 “Follow” (Read Aloud)**

Everyone is invited to follow Jesus. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify you. Being a doubter doesn't disqualify you. The goal of following Jesus is a faith that overcomes our fear of the future for our current circumstances. It's a faith that gives us peace.

But what do people who follow Jesus look like? What do they wear? Following Jesus means clothing yourself in patience, gentleness, kindness, compassion, humility, forgiveness, and love. That kind of faith is powerful. It's the kind of faith that makes a difference instead of just making a point. Imagine how that kind of faith would change people's perceptions of the church. Imagine how it would change communities . . . nations . . . the world.

**Talk About It**

1. What is one thing you remember from last week's discussion?
2. Have you ever worn a piece of clothing that represents a team or organization?
3. When you think of the word "Christian" what qualities come to mind? Are they positive or negative?

4. Talk about a time when you encountered a Christian who was more interested in making a point than making a difference. How did that person affect the way you view Jesus?
5. "All religions gravitate toward rule keeping instead of relationship building." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

### **The Source**

#### **John 13:1-17, 33-36**

1. Read the passage.
2. In verses 1-17...
  - A. Why do you think Jesus washed the disciple's feet?
  - B. Try to describe what this experience was like for the disciples?
  - C. Jesus makes a statement and asks a question: "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand" (verse 7) and "Do you understand what I have done for you?" (verse 12). What do you think Jesus wants the disciples to take away from this experience?
3. In verses 33-36...
  - A. When Jesus tells them there is going to be a new commandment, what do you think went through the disciple's mind?
  - B. When Jesus tells them that the new commandment is "love one another," what do you think went through the disciple's mind?
  - C. What does the phrase "As I have loved you" (verse 34b) mean to you?
  - D. Have a group member read aloud verses 34-35. What do these verses mean to you?

#### **Colossians 3:1-14**

1. Read the passage.
2. What do verses 1-4 mean to you?
3. Why do you think Paul uses the metaphor of putting on and taking off clothes?
4. Paul uses the phrases "put to death" (verse 5) and "now, you must get rid of" (verse 8) Why does Paul use such strong language about the "taking off" of certain things in our lives?

5. In verses 12-13, which love-in-action word/phrase is the most difficult for you? (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, bear with each other, and forgive)

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**

1. Read the passage.
2. How does this passage add to your understanding of a love-in-action lifestyle?

### **Make It Practical**

1. Who in your life is difficult to love? What makes it difficult for you to “love one another”?
2. “Loving one another is not about your one another; it is about who you are.”  
What does this statement mean to you?
3. What would it look like if you started loving, the one who is difficult to love, the way Jesus does?

### **Pray Together**

1. Take a moment to pray for the one, who you described as being difficult to love?
2. Pray for the love-in-action word that you identified that was most difficult for you ?