## DISCIPLE: The Call to Discipleship "Follow" (Part 3) Matthew 4:19-20

There are many different kinds of **followers** of Jesus; what kind are you?

- 1. Stepping out of the **crowd** 
  - Fad followers
  - **Pushy** followers
  - **Religious** followers
  - **Someday** followers
  - Conditional followers
- 2. Stepping into **commitment** 
  - "No matter what" followers
  - "No turning back" followers
- 3. Stepping through the **difficulties** 
  - Disappointment
  - · Discouragement
  - Distractions

Jesus is calling you to a "whatever, forever" commitment that will **<u>call</u>** you through whatever difficulties come your way. How will you respond?

## LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

- 1. If you had been a part of the crowds mentioned through the Gospels that followed Jesus, what would have most attracted you into following him:
  - a. His teaching
  - b. His healings
  - c. His conflict with the religious establishment
  - d. The crowds
  - e. The rumors

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- 2. Read John 6:60-67, noticing especially v. 67. Since "tone of voice" is so much a part of communication, what do you think was Jesus' tone of voice in v. 67? Why?
- 3. In the sermon, we talked about at least six different kinds of followers of Jesus (the 5 under point 1 and the "whatever, forever" kind of followers that summarized point 2). Which one of those kinds of followers best describes you?
- 4. As you think back over your relationship with Jesus, was there a time in your life where you WERE one kind of follower, but stepped out of that into a "whatever, forever" commitment? What were the circumstances that brought that about?
- 5. Which of the "3 difficulties" has hindered you most from following closely to Jesus?
- 6. How could your LifeGroup help you "step through" those difficulties?

## **Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:**

Connected to God through the Word and Prayer/Loving God