



# LET'S GO DEEPER

## SERMON NOTES - He leads, we follow - October 6 - Pastor Peter

Matthew 4:18-22 “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. Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and followed Him. 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. They immediately followed Him, leaving the boat and their father behind.”

### 1. Go Call Disciples

Our lives will never ever be the same again once we respond to the call to follow Jesus. In God’s kingdom, greatness is determined by the depth of love we have for Jesus and our obedience to what He asks us to do. God calls people who have willing hearts that are ready to say ‘yes, I’ll follow You.’

Ephesians. 4:1 “Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.”

2 Timothy 1:9 “For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time - to show us His grace through Christ Jesus.”

Every person who’s a follower of Jesus has been called by God to be His disciple.

What does the call to discipleship mean?

*i. It Means We Have Purpose*

Matthew 4:19 “Follow Me, and I will show you...”

God has a plan that He wants to show us.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What are the qualifications of a disciple of Jesus?

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2. What does following Jesus mean to you?

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3. What does the call to discipleship mean?

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**Luke 14:26** “If you want to be My disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else - your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple.”

*ii. Take Up the Cross*

**Matthew 16:24** “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me.’”

And when Jesus is in the picture, every cross is followed by a resurrection.

### 3. Disciples Follow Through

**Matthew 28:19** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

We call this the Great Commission because Jesus is commissioning His disciples to go and make disciples who will then make disciples. **1 Cor. 11:1** “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

All he’s really saying is that all of us have tangible examples that we follow and all of us are examples to somebody else.

### Putting it all together (Application)

**1.** He gave us purpose; he calls on us. Being disciples of Jesus means we need to follow him. He leads, we follow. The first disciples of Jesus were not what you would expect. He chose his followers to be the opposite of what the religious culture would have expected. He chose fishermen over teachers. He chose humble man over proud men. He chose heart over entitlement. All you need to follow Jesus is actually to follow him. Make the decision to do so. You are qualified. He gave you

**3.** What are the things you need to do to follow Jesus?

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**4.** What does Jesus mean by you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me?

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**5.** How are you following the great commission?

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**6.** What do you need to start doing to follow through?

