



Jesus calls disciples. Come, follow Him. What happens when you follow too closely to a truck without mudflaps, or a runner with slick shoes? You get covered with whatever flows from the person or thing standing before you. A common Hebrew blessing goes like this: “May you be covered in the dust of your Rabbi.” Learn what that means.

These questions are intended to deepen your experience of the message. Use them for your personal or family study time, or with an open Bible as you share the good news with your neighbor.

Group Ice-Breaker:

What comes to your mind when you hear the word “Christian”?

What comes to your mind when you hear the word “disciple”?

EVERYONE FOLLOWS SOMETHING.

Who (or what) do you follow most closely on social media? Why? How have they influenced you? Are you intentional about your influences, or do you tend to ‘drift’ into things? Why do we drift toward unhealthy things, but must be intentional about healthy things?

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE? The word “Christian” appears 3 times in Scripture (Read Acts 11:26, 26:28 & 1 Pet 4:16). But the word “disciple” appears almost 300 times. Read Mark 1:16-20 and discuss what a disciple is. Read Mark 4:18-19. How is discipleship about being “all-in”? Read 2 Tim 2:2 & Phil 4:9. How is discipleship about following what you hear and see from your master?

FOLLOW ME. Read Mark 2:13-14, 3:13-15, & 8:34-35. Hebrew people said “may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi.” Discuss what this might mean.

WHO IS YOUR RABBI? The disciples call Jesus “Rabbi” (See Mk 9:5; 10:51; 11:21; John 1:38, 49; 3:2, 26; 4:31; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8). Discuss what it means for Jesus to be your “teacher” (or “master teacher”). You trust in Jesus as your Savior, but do you really rely on him to be your teacher? Are you more likely to trust a celebrity or a politician (over Jesus) to tell you who you are, what really matters, and how you should view and treat others?

A CHURCH FULL OF DISCIPLES.

Dallas Willard says “The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as ‘Christians’ will become disciples – students, apprentices, practitioners – of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.” Is this a need? How can one be a church-going Christian but not a disciple?