

Follow ME

Lesson Three • Matthew 8:18-22

Following Jesus 101

Jesus' Goal Then and Now:

To gather FULLY-DEVOTED followers with two simple words: "Follow Me!"

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:18-19

When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. Matthew 8:1

And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. Matthew 8:18

Following Jesus 101:

Jesus has authority to demand your FULL DEVOTION to Him and His mission.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up His cross, and follow Me." Matthew 16:24

Following Jesus 101:

1. The Hasty Scholar: "Talk Is CHEAP!"

Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Matthew 8:19-20

Lesson from the Hasty Scholar:

Following Jesus demands a willingness to FORSAKE earthly securities in order to follow Jesus with kingdom LOYALTY.

2. The Reluctant Follower: "Don't WAIT!"

Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead." Matthew 8:21-22

Lesson from the Reluctant Follower:

Following Jesus demands a willingness to REALIGN earthly priorities in order to follow Jesus with kingdom URGENCY.

What Now?

Don't WASTE your life; make your life COUNT by following Jesus with full devotion to Him and His mission.

Taking It Home and Living It Out:

- What earthly securities are holding you back from following Jesus? Are you willing to forsake these securities in order to follow Jesus with kingdom loyalty?
- What earthly priorities are you focused on "first" in your life before Jesus and His mission? Are you willing to realign your priorities in order to follow Jesus with kingdom urgency?