

Follow ME

Lesson One • Matthew 4:18-25

Two Simple Words

Two Groups of People Following Jesus:

There are casual FANS of Jesus and committed FOLLOWERS of Jesus.

Committed Followers – Matthew 4:18-22; 8:23; 9:9; 10:1

Casual Fans – Matthew 4:23-25; 8:1; 8:18-22; 9:8

Jesus' Goal Then and Now:

To turn casual fans into committed followers with two simple words:
“FOLLOW ME”

Two Simple Words:

1. “Follow ME”: Why Should I Follow Jesus?

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 NKJV

“Follow Me” Because:

- Jesus is the SAVIOR sent to save us from our sins. *Matthew 1*
- Jesus is the SOVEREIGN over the wise and the SHEPHERD of the weak. *Matthew 2*
- Jesus is the Promised KING and Righteous JUDGE. *Matthew 3*
- Jesus is the SINLESS Son of God and the LIGHT of the Word. *Matthew 4*

The Only Reasonable Response:

Jesus is worthy of far more than just casual ASSOCIATION;
Jesus is worthy of our supreme ADORATION.

2. “FOLLOW Me”: What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?

They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. Matthew 4:20-22 NKJV

“Follow Me” Is a Call to:

- Leave a “WASTED LIFE” in self.

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 4:17 ESV

*Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” Mark 10:28 NIV
“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”
Matthew 10:39 ESV*

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 NKJV

- Live a “KINGDOM LIFE” in Christ.

Kingdom Life Is All About...

- 1) Following Jesus with joyful DEPENDENCE on His grace.
- 2) Following Jesus with faithful ADHERENCE to His person.
- 3) Following Jesus with total CONFIDENCE in His authority.
- 4) Following Jesus with urgent OBEDIENCE to His mission.

One Simple Question: Will you follow Jesus?