

Discipleship 101: “Christ, Our Faithful Leader”

Matt. 8:18-22

The Would-be Followers

The cost of following Jesus is...

The rules of following Jesus are...

The evidence of following Jesus is...

“The essence of sin is we human beings substituting ourselves for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for us. We...put ourselves where only God deserves to be; God...puts Himself where we deserve to be.” -John Stott, The Cross of Christ

The Truly Faithful Leader

“ God’s love is revealed on the cross, crushing His Son with our sin and His righteous wrath against us, revealing His love for sinners like us.” – C.J. Mahaney

“Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him...” Hebrews 3:1-2

“...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...” Hebrews 12:2

Discussion Questions for Groups

1. When have you been over-eager to follow Jesus and failed to count the cost?
2. Who or what takes higher priority in your life than Jesus?
3. What would you say to someone who is like the scribe (too quick to promise, not fully aware of the cost)?
4. What would you say to someone like the one who was too slow to act upon the truth they know?
5. How does the Gospel motivate you to want to serve Jesus wholeheartedly?
6. How does understanding what Jesus did help you to actually follow Him?

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