

# Following Jesus

## My Notes:

A disciple is one who patterns every aspect of his/her life after the one they have chosen to follow. A disciple will study every word and action of the teacher and then imitate all that is observed. I John 2:6 says that we must walk as Jesus walked. **(WAWJW)** It makes sense then, for us who want to be Jesus disciples, to study, learn, and imitate the life of Jesus.

Before we get into the details of what Jesus taught his disciples, let's look at the big picture. You could see it as the two book ends that hold up the volumes of Jesus' teachings because they come at the beginning and end of his teaching. These bookends are:

1. The calling of the disciples (Matt. 4:19)
2. The sending of the disciples (Matt. 28:18-20)



I. **Come:** Jesus gives an invitation to commitment--the beginning of the arrow of movement; leave all the stuff behind. (Luke 18)

II. **Follow me:** Get to know me; study me; go deep.

I will make you fishers of men: Let me give you my heart for the lost, those on the outside looking in.

III. **As-You-Go:** The point of the arrow; the point of it all; “while you are going”

**Make Disciples:** Baptize; teach them everything I have taught you

I will be with you: the call of Jesus on our lives to be disciples includes a new **Identity in Him**, a deepening **Intimacy with Him**, and a true **Integrity by Him** as He purifies us.

IV. **The power of the Spirit** is given to us as we wait and continue in prayer (Acts 1:8).

### Discussion Questions:

1. Honestly identify where you find yourself on the “circle” of following Jesus.
2. Where do you sense you should be at this point in your life?
3. What step will you begin with to move in the right direction? (This should be something we can measure and evaluate next time we meet.)