

INCONVENIENT: Follow Me

Digging Deeper

Matthew 16:24-26

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and **follow me**. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”

1. Following Jesus means He becomes your top priority.

Luke 9:57-58-62

2. Following Jesus requires making sacrifices.

Mark 2:14; 10:21

3. Following Jesus brings a greater purpose into your life.

Luke 5:9-11

4. Following Jesus yields incredible benefits.

John 8:12; 10:27

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Questions

1. What are the top 5 priorities in your life as of today? What personal inconvenience would be involved in moving Jesus to the top of that list?
2. Can you identify a sacrifice that you have had to make to follow Jesus in your life? Describe that sacrifice.
3. If someone asked you to explain your purpose in life, what would you say? What do you think your answer would be to that question if you were not a follower of Jesus? Would it be any different? How does Jesus bring a greater purpose to your life?
4. What are the eternal benefits of following Jesus? What are the great earthly benefits of following Jesus?

Scripture

Read Mark 10:17-22. This is the story of Jesus interacting with a Rich Young Man who was interested in eternal life.

- What requirements did Jesus recite to the young man? (v 19)
- How did the young man do in terms of meeting those requirements? (v 20)
- How did Jesus further challenge this rich young man? (v 21)
- What was the end result? Why? (v 22)

Application

Identify something new that you can sacrifice this week in order to more completely follow Christ.