



“FOLLOWING JESUS”
A Disciple Must Learn...
MARK 8:34-38

• **CHARLEMAGNE’S BONEY FINGER**

*“What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul?”*

*We are not called to _____ Him.
We are called to _____ Him.*

A Disciple Learns to...

1. **LIVE** the _____ of **CHRIST** ...*must deny themselves...* GALATIANS 2:20; PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

“Contentment” – inwardly satisfied

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2. **DISCERN** the _____ of **CHRIST** ...*take up their cross...* JOHN 21:20-22; EPHESIANS 4:16

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3. **PURSUE** the _____ of **CHRIST** vs. 35; MATTHEW 4:19

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4. **DEPEND ON** the _____ of **CHRIST** vs. 36; 3 JOHN 2

- **Learn to** _____ **in Christ** MATTHEW 11:28-30
- **Learn to** _____ **on Christ** 1 PETER 5:7
- **Learn to** _____ **in Christ** GALATIANS 6:2, 3

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on Jesus’ invitation to follow Him. Was there anything helpful or confusing about this message?
2. Is there a difference between *“receiving Jesus in our heart”* and *following Jesus*? Explain.

ALEKSANDR SOLZHENITSYN wrote: *“Bless you prison, bless you for being in my life. For there, lying upon the rotting prison straw, I came to realize that the object of life is not prosperity as we are made to believe, but the maturing of the human soul.”*

3. What does *maturing of the soul* mean to you? What does character have to do with it?
4. Do you agree with this notion that God wants our soul to mature in this life as well as have eternal salvation in the next? Explain.

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Matthew 24:14.** What makes spreading the Gospel so crucial in relation to Jesus’ second coming?
- **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.** What does Paul call *“great gain”* or *“great wealth”*? Explain. What two comforts does Paul say provide practical contentment? What keeps people from being content?
- **Read Philippians 2:11-13.** How does Christ bring contentment that replaces anxiety?
- **Read 1 Peter 5:7.** How does one cast their care/anxiety on Jesus in a way that removes the anxiety?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26.** How is the church compared to a human body? How important is each member of the body? How can the church effectively care for one another like a body? Have you discovered your spiritual gift?

LIVING OUT

- What have you learned as a disciple of Jesus that helps you in your journey of following Jesus?