

4. Lordship

Purpose:

This study is designed to help you have a better understanding about being a follower of Jesus and the importance of relationships.

Matthew 28:18-20

Q: What does Jesus want all men to become?

Q: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

- A true follower of Jesus is someone who has been baptized, makes disciples and obeys His teaching.

Luke 9:23-26

- Self-denial and carrying your cross daily means putting God's will above your own will even to the point of pain or death.

Q: What do you value more, your life now or eternity with God?

Luke 14:25-33

- Jesus was interested in true followers not in gaining LARGE crowds or popularity.
- Discipleship involves prioritizing relationships and Jesus has to be number one. (v26)
- To follow Jesus is a serious decision that needs to be evaluated. (count the cost) (v28-30)
- Jesus wants to be Lord of our lives and that requires total surrender. (v31-33)

Community

Ephesians 2:19-22

- The church is the family of God.
- The church must be based upon the teachings of the prophets, apostles and Jesus. (the Bible)
- Diagram

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

- Disciples in the early church practiced regular, sacrificial giving.
- Contribution to the church spreads the gospel locally and internationally.

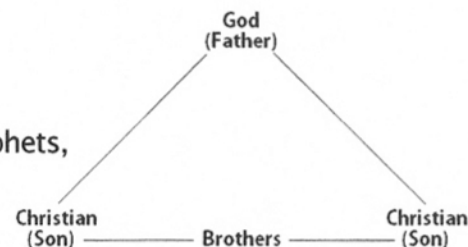
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- The church is made up of baptized disciples and that is the body of Christ. (v12-13)
- The body has many parts and every part is necessary. (v18)
- EVERY PART is IMPORTANT and we need to appreciate each part. (v14-18)
- We must be involved on a relationship level in the church. (small group)

Hebrews 10:23-25

Q: What are some reasons for the meetings of the Church?

- The meetings of the church and small groups allow us to inspire each other towards love and good deeds.
- Make every effort to be at all meetings of the church. (small groups, Sunday services, midweek classes)



Faith in Action

Q: What do you feel you need to change to be a true follower of Jesus?

Q: How will following Jesus affect your schedule, your relationships and your finances?

For Further Study:

Luke 9:57-61, Malachi 3:6-12, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 1 Timothy 5:1-2, Ephesians 4:16