

Follow Me-Part 3
Text: John 21:20-25
May 21, 2022

Big Idea: To follow Jesus faithfully, you must focus on Him intently.

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) What does it mean to be focused on Jesus intently?
- b) What are some fruits that are displayed when our focus drifts off Jesus in our situations?
- c) What means of grace has God given us to help keep our focus on Christ?
- d) What is one step you can take this week to put these into practice?

The life focused on Jesus increasingly lives with...

Point 1: No DISTRACTION from Him (vv. 20-23)

Question: Jesus says, "You follow me!" Where is distraction hindering your devotion?

Question #6

- a) **Rd vv. 20-22:** What was Peter focused on?
- b) How did Jesus respond to Peter's question?
- c) Why was it essential that Jesus correct Peter in this way if Peter was to be faithful in following Him?
- d) Where/When are you most tempted to become distracted from focusing on Jesus? Why these?
- e) What is one step you can take this week to help overcome this? Ask your group to hold you accountable.

Question #7

"You may not understand God's plan for your path, but never doubt that God has a good purpose for it."

- a) Do you struggle with the comparison trap? When are you most tempted with this?
- b) Why is it essential to believe in the goodness, love and grace of God in those moments?
- c) What are some ways we can grow in trusting the Lord when we are tempted with this distraction?
- d) Spend time in prayer for one another to bring these areas before the Lord, repent of unbelief, asking Him for increased faith and thanking Him for His goodness, love and plans for you.

Point 2: No **DOUBT** in Him (vv. 24-25)

Question: The life focused on Jesus trusts His Word. Will you believe and follow Him?

Question #8

- a) **Rd vv. 24:** What does the word "True" mean in verse 24?
- b) What is it crucial to believe that God's Word is true if we are to follow Him?
- c) What means has God given us through which He uses to increase our faith in Him/His Word?
- d) What part(s) of God's Word do you struggle with the most in your faith? Why these ones?
- e) Spend time in prayer bringing these areas before the Lord asking for increasing faith in Him.

Question #9

- a) What is the gospel?
- b) Now write it out in a single sentence as if you had 20 seconds to share it with someone.

Question #10

Way to go Loved Ones! The Gospel of John is now finished. Go Lord!

Spend time in prayer thanking the Lord for what He's taught you, how He's grown you and His Church through it.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **REVERENCE** before God: Jesus, I will follow you because you are_____.
- b) **HUMILITY** before God: Confess & repent of your distraction from Christ & unbelief in His Word.
- c) **THANKSGIVING** to God: Thank Jesus for His faithfulness to you.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: i) An increasing faith in the Word of God ii) Increasing focus on Jesus amidst the temptation for distraction.

Memory Verse:

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book, but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."-John 20:30-31

