

Find and Follow-Discussion Questions Week Two

- 1) At Central, discipleship is being a fully devoted follower of Jesus. We follow Jesus by praying, reading the Bible, sharing our faith, and serving others by being generous with our time and finances. How are you incorporating these pieces into your life to follow Jesus? Which ones do you want to learn more about?
- 2) As you listened to Aaron's message this week, he shared what it meant to be a disciple in first-century Judaism. At that time, a rabbi was a traveling teacher who went from town to town and helped people understand the Torah. Rabbis had the authority to interpret the text. Rabbis would choose followers based on which students best memorized and understood the Torah best. The disciples Jesus picked to follow Him would have been students sent home to learn a trade from their earthly fathers because they weren't selected to follow a Jewish rabbi of their time. Consider and contemplate how God's love defines our worth rather than worldly standards. Do you ever feel unworthy as a follower of Jesus? If so, how does the disciple's story reveal the truth of God to you?
- 3) Matthew 4:18-22 says: While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. In verse 19, Pastor Aaron points out three parts for us to recognize. Do you remember the three parts? If so, what are they? If not, look at the verse above and see if you can remember.
- 4) First, Pastor Aaron wants us to recognize that "Follow me" is an invitation. Jesus is not saying to follow a list, rules, or advice. God's invitation is always to have a relationship with Him. How is this different from what you have thought before or think now?
- 5) Second, Pastor Aaron wants us to see the importance of transformation as followers of Jesus. Jesus says we can become like Him. Jesus knows that His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is at work in us to transform and change us from the inside out. This only happens with our participation. How are the pieces in question one above a way to partner with God to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us to produce the character of Christ in our lives? Galatians 5:22 says the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. What fruit do you most want the Holy Spirit to grow in you during this season so you will be more like Jesus?

- 6) Third, Pastor Aaron wants us to focus on replication/multiplication. How are you allowing God to love and care for people who are disinterested in Him to help them become more of a seeker, an admirer, and a follower of Jesus? Spend time in prayer and ask God how He wants to work in and through you during this season.