

DISCIPLESHIP PART 1

In this passage, it can feel like a lot doesn't make sense - but the Kingdom of God is often upside down. Although three people offered themselves to Jesus' ministry, He asks for all or nothing, never lowering his standards and asking that we devote everything we are and have to him. 'Follow me' doesn't just mean learn from me, it's a commitment to a whole new way of life. The only way to follow Jesus is totally.

The first man was tested: had he really thought about life on the road, about the sacrifices it would take to be a Christ-follower? The second man would need to go against culture and choose between family responsibilities and the way of Jesus. The third man struggled to cut ties to his old life, when following Jesus would mean shutting the door on an old life.

This is discipleship with Jesus: it's not easy, demands everything, and is lifelong.



01 — Sacrificing to be a disciple

Being a disciple means sacrificing comfort and ease for challenge and hardship. Where else in the Bible does following God mean hardship? Does anyone have any personal stories they'd be happy to share?



02 — Counter-cultural discipleship

Being a Christ follower means being counter-cultural. How did Jesus do this, and what are some ways that we can?



03 — Shutting doors as a disciple

Following Jesus means leaving things behind. What Biblical encouragement would you give to someone struggling to leave behind a sinful habit as they enter a Christian life?



04 — Practising what (Emily) preaches

This is a new sermon series for us as a church. How will what we've discussed today change the way you read the Bible, pray, or interact with others?

