

Follower or Disciple?

Today we are looking at the difference between being a disciple and being a follower of Jesus.

Being a disciple of Jesus means that we are in a constant and active relationship with our Master.

Being a disciple means that we actively seek to apply His teachings in our lives.

It means that we seek to be obedient to Jesus commands and we go where he leads us.

Being a disciple requires a deep, ongoing commitment day in and day out in the ups and downs of life.

Jesus was quite explicit about the cost of being his disciple, and he was unapologetic about this. He says:

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8:34-35

A follower of Jesus, on the other hand, is not completely committed to him.

Followers have a more casual or occasional commitment.

They might know about Jesus' teachings, but only very loosely adhere to them.

Followers may attend church, but their commitment might not go beyond the Sunday morning.

The major difference between being a disciple or a follower depends on our level of commitment.

So, are we a follower?

Or are we a disciple?