

# The Way of an Apprentice

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				John 12:26 (NLT)
"Follow Me"	' – Am I someone who	follows Jesus?		
	No one tells me what to do.	I'm investigating Jesus' invitation.	I've decided to follow but I have good days and bad days.	I'm all in and doing my best to fully follow every day.

But whoever did want him,
who believed he was who he claimed
and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves,
their child-of-God selves.

I am no different than I've always been. I take three steps forward and two steps back. I can definitely list areas of my life that Jesus has changed. It is becoming a habit for me to lay down my agenda and let Him change it to His.

3. I am committed to the \_\_\_\_\_\_of Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_ level change.

I am here speaking with all the authority of God, who has commanded Me to give you this commission: Go out and make disciples in all the nations. Ceremonially wash them through baptism in the name of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then disciple them. Form them in the practices and postures that I have taught you, and show them how to follow the commands I have laid down for you. And I will be with you, day after day, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20 (VOICE)

"Fishers of people" - What is my involvement in the mission of Jesus?

I don't give up time or resources to the mission of Jesus. I know I should, but I haven't jumped in. I try, but I have been confused at times as to what part I play.

I'm all in and using my time and resources regularly to advance Jesus' mission.

"If you love me, keep my commands."

John 14:15 (NIV)

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What would you say is the difference between a church-goer and a disciple of Jesus?
- 2. Share what you thought "discipleship" (or being a disciple) was prior to hearing this week's message. Has your view changed in light of what you heard? If so, how so?
- 3. Who is discipling you and how are you being discipled?
- 4. Who are you discipling?

### **Recommended Resources**

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### Three parts to being a follower/disciple/apprentice of Jesus:

1. I KNOW and FOLLOW Jesus: HEAD level change.

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2. I am being CHANGED by Jesus: HEART level change.

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John 1:12 (MSG)

"And I will make you" - Is Jesus changing me?

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3. I am committed to the MISSION of Jesus: HAND level change.

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