

Connection Group Notes
Follow Me Pt. 2
October 15, 2023

READ: Mark 1:17, Mark 3:13-15, John. 10:27, 1 John 14:21, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 4:13-14, 32-35, John 15:4-8 (Message)

OPEN

- How was your week? Share a win and a challenge from your life this past week.
- What is the difference between a mentor and a disciple?

BIG IDEA:

- Becoming a follower of Jesus includes these three aspects: 1) Accompany Him, 2) Appointed – be made into something, 3) Authority – learn to use God’s delegated power.

DIG:

**Read: Mark 1:17*

- Jesus calls the disciples to follow Him and He will show them/make them fishers of men. What is the significance of Jesus call them first? Did they seek out Jesus or was it the other way around?
- Consider and discuss the definition of a ‘DISCIPLE’...follows the teacher & the teaching, turns thoughts into actions, complete obedience, learning to be like Jesus.
- Discuss The Four Stages of following:
 1. Believers – acknowledge God
 2. Christians – have some qualities that resemble God and the Bible
 3. Followers – actively pursue a relationship with God, learning to be selfless, surrender, submit, and serve
 4. Disciples – complete obedience to the Word of God, multiplication, follows the teacher and the teaching, becomes an apprentice to be trained for something significant God assigned to them.

** Read: John 10:27*

- A disciple is one who accompanies Jesus and goes with Him. What are some ways disciples of Christ accompanied Him? (Teacher note: by time in the Word, Worshiping God’s character, His Nature, His purposes and ways, Loving others, unity, Walking and resting your mind and soul.)

* *Read: 1 Corinthians 1:10*

- When following Jesus, disciples are appointed, in other words, being made into something. What does it mean, “We become like what we are around.”? (Teacher’s note: Fire pit – it’s on your clothes.)
- Why is it important to maintain unity in following Christ as found in 1 Corinthians 1:10?

* *Read: John 15:4-8 (The Message)*

- As disciples and fully-devoted followers of Christ we are given Jesus’ delegated authority. How does this change your perspective in following Jesus?
- Why is it important for believers to remain connected to the same branch – vine – tribe?

REFLECT:

- Reflect as a group on this quote: “The closer you get to the cross, the fewer people you find.”
- What level of increase in your pursuit of God is HE calling you?
- How has the Holy Spirit illuminated or shown you something to apply to your faith this week?

VISION OPPORTUNITIES:

Band of Brothers Men's Conference: Overcomer - November 2-4

For guys in Junior High and older; Thursday evening, all day Friday, and Saturday morning. We are expecting 300 men to come together from the northern states to worship together and to be equipped. Pastor Jon will share Thursday night, our founding pastor, Keith Tucci will share Register at nrpastors.com

Ladies may sign up to serve at the BOB Conference at the Connection Point. This is a great opportunity to not only serve the men who are attending, but also to have fun serving with ladies from all campuses at BCC. Sign up at bridgecitypgh.com/bandofbrothers

Pastor Eric’s Setting-In

We will recognize Pastor Eric and Rachel Bimber as our MV Campus Pastor on November 5th, 6pm at MV campus – personally invite people to attend