

Marks of a True Disciple

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Introduction: What did Jesus say? “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24)

What didn't Jesus say? There are no exceptions.

You are exempt if you are Intelligent or ignorant.

You are exempt if you are too old or too young.

You are exempt if you are employed or unemployed.

You are exempt if you are rich or poor.

You are exempt if you are male or female.

You are exempt if you are active or non-active in the church.

You are exempt if your parents attend or don't attend.

You are exempt if it's not convenient or if you have plenty of time.

You are exempt if you embarrass easily or if you are outgoing.

Discussion:

“Come After Me” = Desire

Jesus Expects Christians To Desire Discipleship

“if a man desires to come after Me”

We Have To Be Willing To Hear God's Voice - Some people don't like listening to authority.

Why did you decide to become a Christian?

“Deny Yourself” = Denial

Jesus Expects Christians To Deny Themselves

“let him deny himself”

We Have To Be Willing To Surrender – Some people don't want to follow Jesus the entire way.

What will it take to give Christ your all?

“Take Up Your Cross” = Dedication

Jesus Expects Christians To Dedicate Themselves

“and take up his cross”

We Have To Be Willing To Accept Your Calling – Some people hide their scars.

What kind of scars will you have for serving Christ?

“Follow Me” = Dependence

Jesus Expects Christians To Depend on God

“and follow Me”

We Have To Be Willing To Become A Disciple – Some people want to play fair-weathered.

What can you do to show the world you are a Christian?

Conclusion: I truly believe that we have the power in this room to change the world! Make it happen!