



Discussion Questions
 Words of Jesus (Week 4)
 Follow Me – Luke 5:27:32

1. What is the cost to follow Jesus?
2. How did the Jewish society view tax collectors? Why would Jesus choose one to be his disciple?
3. Why did the tax collectors and sinners want to eat with Jesus? Why did Jesus want to eat with them?
4. Why were the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law against eating with “tax collectors and sinners?” Did Jesus compromise his witness by eating with them? Why or why not?

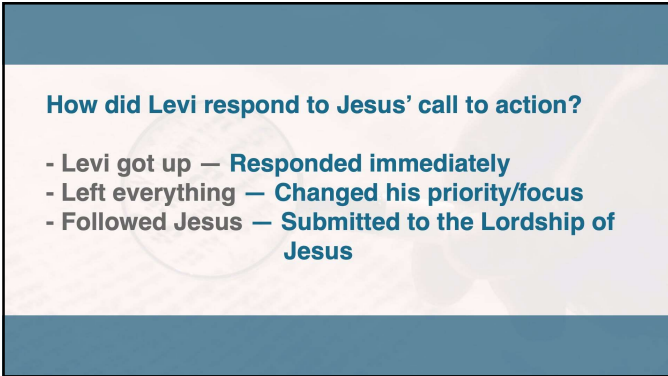
Complete the sentence:
We're _____ the leader, the leader,
the leader.
We're _____ the leader, wherever He
_____.

ALL SLIDES ARE MADE
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Jesus never commanded anyone
to **go lead**, but commanded
many to **come follow**.







**Everyone is following
someone
or something, **even Christ.****

ILLUSTRATION

CHRIST MODELS FOLLOWERSHIP

John 5:19 — Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

1 Corinthians 11:3 — But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and **the head of Christ is God.**

**How do you respond when
Jesus calls you to **follow Him?****

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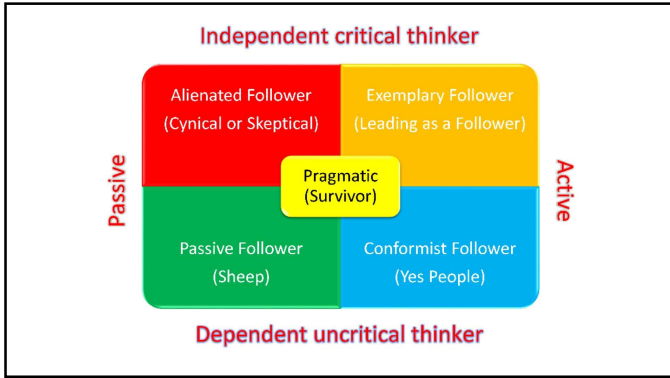
1. **Sheep** (passive)
2. **Conformist** (Yes people)
3. **Pragmatic** (Survivor)

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4. **Alienated** (Cynical, Resentful, Parking lot party)
5. **Exemplary** (Leading as a follower)

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LUKE 10:1-12, 17-21
Following Has an Objective

Followership — Development

Supervised Ministry - Development & Practice

Luke 10:17-21

— **17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions...

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Luke 10:17-21

— ... and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **20** However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” **21** At that time Jesus, **full of joy** through the Holy Spirit.

Followership — Development

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.

— **Matthew 28:19-20a (NKJV)**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

— **Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)**

Followership — Development

FOLLOWING JESUS COMES WITH A COST

Luke 14:27 – And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. Which of you, wishing to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has the resources to complete it?

Matthew 19:21 – Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

What cost are you willing to pay to **follow Jesus**?

Why does Jesus ask one of the most hated types of men in Israel, a tax collector, to **follow** him?

Luke 5:30

JEWISH PERSPECTIVE OF TAX COLLECTORS

The Babylonian Talmud placed tax collectors alongside “murderers and robbers” (Baba Qama 113a; Nedarim 3.4).

The rabbis taught that tax collectors were disqualified witnesses in court, societal outcasts, and utter disgraces to their own family (see Sanhedrin, 25b).

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The rabbis excommunicated tax collectors from the synagogue (Nedarim 3.4).

Tax collectors weren’t allowed to exchange their money at the Temple treasury (Baba Qamma 10.1).

The rabbis even considered it lawful to lie in almost any conceivable way to avoid paying tax collectors (Nedarim 27, 28a).

Luke 5:30

THE GOSPEL IS AN OFFENSE

Luke 5:30

If the truth offends, then let it offend. People have been living their whole lives in offense to God; let them be offended for a while.

— John MacArthur

Follow me, as I follow Christ.

— 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)

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- 1. Does the action require faith? Or trusting in God to do it?
- 2. Will this action make me more like Christ?

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- 3. Will the action witness Christ to others and ultimately bring them closer to Jesus?
- 4. Does it align with a clear, unambiguous rightly interpreted teaching in God's Word?

Luke 5:27

The primary evidence that you are a follower of Jesus is calling people to repentance by our words and deeds (aka making disciples).

ACTION ITEM

1) In the next 24-48 hours, write down the name of at least one person you know doesn't know Christ, that you have never shared the gospel.

2) Then reach out and share it with them.

The
Words
of Jesus
