

Follow: Gods Leading

- Follow Jesus in all of life. Be yoked to Jesus. Allow Him to lead you in every aspect of life and to use all of your life for the kingdom (your major, free time, resources, and abilities).

If we aren't following Jesus, then whom are we following? So many people, places, and things fight for our attention but Jesus is the only one actually worthy of it. When Jesus has our undivided attention he uses it to change the world!

Hear: Luke 18:18-30

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

- What keeps this man from following Jesus? Why?
- What does Jesus offer in the passage?
- Like the man in the passage, we too put things of this world above following Jesus fully. What keeps you from fully following Jesus?
- What would it look like for you to surrender these things to Jesus?

Respond: Focusing Prayer and Faithfulness

You can't follow something that you can't first see. The man in Luke 18 could not see the joys of following Jesus because he was blinded by his worldly possessions. For us to follow God we have to see Him first; we must know where He is going and how He is leading us. Jesus has shown us the way; the question is will we follow Him?

- **Focusing Prayer:** The point of this prayer is to help you see God daily so you can follow him daily. Below is a prayer, read it and rewrite it in your own words. Once you have written it in your own words commit to pray these things daily so that you might see more of God and how He is leading you. (**Tips:** put a reminder in you phone, to pray this prayer daily. Put your written prayer somewhere where you will see it often and be reminded to pray.)

Jesus, show me your glory today, that I may see more of you. Remind me of your goodness. Lord, you are the only true God and you are worthy of my all! I offer myself to you today. Show me how to follow you and remind me of you and your mission moment by moment. Lord lead me today. Amen.

- **Faithfulness:** God is the one who does the work! He brings transformation to our lives and He makes us new creations. The call for us is to respond to God by being faithful sons and daughters. What is one way you can faithfully follow Jesus throughout your day today? (write your answer below)

Debrief: Answer these questions at the end of the day.

- What feelings did you experience as you followed Jesus today?
- What things did you do to follow God? How did they go?
- What's one thing you learned from Luke 18? What is one thing you learned through the focusing prayer and faithfulness exercises?
- How can you continue practicing the value of "following God's leading" throughout the rest of the week?