**4/7/24 Now what did you tell Jesus about how you were going to serve Him?**

**Mathew 4:18-22**

* Joining anything generally requires you to follow certain guidelines, rules and regulations, as well as, participate a set number of times to be in good standing.
* When it comes to church many see certain requirements as optional.
* We must answer the question of how important is Jesus in our life?

**Matthew 22:14**

**1. Joining the church and joining the Body of Christ is not the same.**

* Unfortunately most people just join the church and are satisfied with just having their name on the roll.
* Many do not participate in any ministries, learning opportunities, giving and rarely attend any of the services.
* Your name on the church roll is not the same as your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life!
* Those joining the Body of Christ, among other things, love and will pray for their enemies, are cheerful givers and are fully committed to the Word and Work of the Lord and His church.
* Jesus reminds us that not every one that calls Him Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 5:44; 2 Corinthians 9:7-9; Ephesians 4:2-3; Matthew 7:21-23**

**2. Jesus calls us to be Fishers of Men.**

* We are to obey the Great Commission!
* When Jesus chose His disciples, He told them to follow Him, and He would make them fishers of men.
* We need to ask the Lord to forgive us for our lack of sharing our faith, and should encourage others by sharing our testimony of God’s goodness.

**Matthew 4:18-22; 28:19-20**

**3. We must strive to be holy.**

* Jesus said, we are to be holy because He is holy!
* Fallen people cannot become holy without the help of a holy God!
* We need to ask the Holy Spirit, to change our hearts to help us to do better

 and allow us to extend more effort to others who need God’s blessing.

**1 Peter 1:13-16**