

Teaching Notes

Series: Forgotten God

Week 6 Following

Following Jesus means that we stay _____ with "our" plans.

Luke 18:18-23 (NLT) ¹⁸ Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good." ²⁰ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.' " ²¹ The man replied, "I've carefully obeyed all these commandments since I was young." ²² When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²³ But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich.

When it comes to that "1 thing" that we refuse to give up, _____ have our personal challenges!

That fork in the road!

Luke 19:1-10 (NLT) ¹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region,

and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. ⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" ⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Zacchaeus understood Jesus to be saying, "I want to get to know you personally."

One of them leaves Jesus the same, the other never to be the same again.

God reveals His will to us _____ He has in mind for us to follow.

Next Steps:

- commit to attending the workshop next Sunday at 9:45am.
- ask God to help you stay flexible with your plans.

Closing Song: I Will Follow, by Chris Tomlin