

The One Thing Every Disciple Must Do – Follow Jesus

WHO'S YOUR ONE?

Matthew 4:18–23

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- 18: As Jesus was walking. God does His work in ordinary moments. It was an ordinary moment for Jesus, He walked everywhere, and it was an ordinary moment for Peter and Andrew. Fishing was their work.
- 18: He saw... What causes us to see people we would normally not notice?
 - Matt 9:35–36, Here Jesus is walking and seeing people again. How easy is it to walk by someone you don't know and care about? How hard is it to walk by someone you do know and you do love without acknowledging them? Notice Jesus saw the crowds and He had compassion on them. Compassion will open our eyes to see those we would otherwise overlook.
- 18: He knew their names, He knew what they did, He knew they were related. Get to know the people you're walking by.
- 19: Jesus gave them an invitation to a relationship. "Come follow me." The first and primary invitation is to invite people we are striving to inspire to follow Jesus into a relationship with us.
- 19: The goal is not to invite them to a place or a cause, it is to invite them to a relationship with Jesus Himself. And through that relationship, Jesus would make them into more than they ever thought possible.
- 19: I will make you fishers of men. When Jesus saw them, He saw them not who they were, but for who they could be. Jesus saw them and called them to a greater future. It's still true today. He knows where we are, where we came from, how we grew up, and He knows what we can be, what we are capable of, and He calls us into a relationship so we reach our true potential.
- 20: They left at once. They left everything and everyone to follow Jesus. What is the one thing every disciple must do? Follow Jesus. If we are not following, we are not a disciple.
 - Matt 19:16–22, This is the account of the Rich Young Man. He wouldn't do the one thing every disciple must do. Follow Jesus. We could have been reading about him in the book of Acts.
- 21: Going on from there, discipleship doesn't stop because we have experienced some wins. We keep going and keep engaging.
- 22: He calls James and John. At once they left it all to follow Jesus. When is the time to follow Jesus? The moment He calls. There is no promise of a second chance. The rich young ruler didn't get a do-over. When He calls, we come. That is what disciples do.
- 23: When we follow Jesus, we will be deeply involved in people's lives.
- 24: We help spread the news of Jesus.

Hopefully this encourages you and stirs your heart and mind to encourage people to follow Jesus.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. So, they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Explore Numbers 6:24–27)