



Follow Me – Week 4 – The Test

Spiritual Formation Guide

Want to be more like Jesus? Don't just do as he *says*. Do as he *does*. Get baptized. Giving your life fully to him through this obedient act grows God's kingdom and guarantees eternal life with him. What are you waiting for?

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:19

“Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John.

But John tried to talk Jesus out of it. ‘I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,’ he said, ‘so why are you coming to me?’ But Jesus said, ‘It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.’”

Matthew 3:13-15

“Christ is your example, and you must follow in his steps.”

1 Peter 2:21

“My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed?’”

2 Kings 5:12

Discussion Questions:

- How did God encourage you through Sunday's worship service? How were you challenged?
- Read Matthew 3:13-15. Eddie shared about how Jesus, going from Galilee to the Jordan River, walked 60 miles to be baptized. How does knowing that detail impact you as you read this story?
- Read 1 Peter 2:21. During this teaching series, we've heard Jesus' invitation to follow him. What are some specific and practical ways that you can follow his example this week?

- In his message, Eddie shared that, “NOW is always a good time to follow Jesus.” Read 2 Kings 5:12 – sometimes there are simple invitations Jesus offers us that we might overlook. Have you ever had that experience?
- Read Matthew 28:19. These are Jesus’ final words before he left earth – we sometimes call them the Great Commission. How can you be a part of this mission and calling that Jesus gave his followers?
- Take a moment to be quiet with your group – and invite Jesus to speak to you. After some moments of silence and prayer, have someone pray to close your discussion.

Practices:

- If you have been baptized,
 - Take a moment to write down a few memories from your baptism. What do you remember seeing, feeling, and experiencing that day?
 - Take a moment to talk to God about your decision – what does it mean to you today? What do you want to say to God about your connection to him?
- If you have not been baptized, but would like to talk more about making that decision, reach out to us at www.wschurch.org/baptism.
- Take some time to read the story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5:1-19. Read through it several times, slowly, and notice what stands out to you. How do you hear God’s voice to you through his Word as you read and reflect?