

Week 4: Discipleship Phase 2: Follow Me

Phase Two of Jesus' discipleship ministry could be described as: **Come & Follow Me**

In **Phase Two** Jesus challenged his disciples to _____ to him on a deeper level, by leaving the things of the world and commit to _____ him.

This **Come & Follow Me** stage lasted approximately **9 months** and covers the time when Jesus called men to follow him to fish for people up until he formally chose the **12 disciples**. **Phase Two** is highlighted in all four gospels, but especially in the early chapters of Mark and Luke.

Read: Mark 1:17-18, 19-20, Luke 5:27-28

The major emphasis by Jesus in this stage was the necessity to leave aspects of the world behind and to follow him with heightened commitment!

Phase Two comes with its own set of discipleship distinctives. What Jesus requires of his disciples in this stage is distinct from the previous & following stages.

Phase Two Distinctives:

- (1) _____ commitment:
- (2) Basic _____ vs beliefs:
- (3) Ministry _____ vs exposure:
- (4) _____ vs salvation:

Phase Two of our discipleship efforts must _____ the discipleship distinctives, as well as the life indicators of Jesus' second stage with his disciples.

Phase Two Life Indicators:

- Disciples _____ Jesus' invitation to begin to train in the area of basic behavior, habits & skills. (Matt 4:19, Mark 1:18, Luke 5:27-28)
- Disciples spend much time watching & being involved with the disciplemaker in _____. (Mark 1:29-31, 35-39)
- The disciple begins to understand that Jesus' main purpose (and a disciples' main purpose) is to _____ the gospel and make disciples. (Mark 1:38)
- The disciple begins to _____ time with unbelievers in order to _____ the truth with them. (Mark 2:17)
- A disciple begins to live according to their _____ with Jesus instead of merely following traditions or _____ thinking. (Matthew 9:14)
- A disciple begins to understand that _____ is a very _____ thing and should be avoided at all costs. (Matt 5:29-30, John 5:14, Mark 9:42)
- A disciple begins to understand that Jesus is fully God and equal to the Father in every way. (John 5:18)

Personal Notes:

What were some of the **core beliefs & core habits** that Jesus required of his disciples during **Phase Two**?

Phase Two Core Beliefs:

- (1) Everyone is **sinful**, no matter how good they may look or live. And no one can be made right before God, simply by changing how they look or live. (Mrk 2:15-20, Mtt 23:26-28)
- (2) Jesus is the only way that anyone can be made right. And it is through **obedience** to him and a right **relationship** with him that we are able to please God in our daily lives. (Jhn 15:3-11)
- (3) The lost have to hear, repent and believe in order to be saved and it is the followers of Jesus **responsibility** to tell them. (Lk 10:1-16)
- (4) The disciples believe that God will **answer** their **prayers** through Jesus. God can and will meet their needs and give them extraordinary grace, power & wisdom as they need it. (Mrk 11:22-24)

Phase Two Core Habits:

- (1) **Obedience/Holiness:** The disciples begin to realize that a _____ in daily obedience is very important to God...but that they are unable to produce holiness in their own striving. Only Christ can fulfill the demands of the law in them. (Mtt 5:17-42)
- (2) **A relationship with Christ:** The disciples begin to realize that their relationship with Christ is the most _____ thing in their lives. (Jhn 6:53-58, 65, 68-69, Lk 10:38-42)
- (3) **A heavenly mentality:** The disciples begin to realize that nothing in this world can satisfy their soul's longings and they begin to focus more on what is _____ **& spiritual** vs. what is _____ **& physical**. (Mtt 6:19-34, 16:26, Lk 12:19-21)
- (4) **Prayer:** The disciples realize that prayer is their intercom to the God of the universe. Regular prayer becomes more _____ as they realize it's importance. (Mtt 6:5-13, Lk 5:16)

Let's Summarize:

- The 2nd stage of discipleship should focus on building **heightened commitment** centered on a **growing relationship** with Christ.
- The 2nd stage of discipleship should focus on building, basic, yet **consistent habits** based on **correct beliefs**.
- The 2nd stage of discipleship is when concentrated effort is made to help **teach others how to pray**.
- The 2nd stage of discipleship is when we begin **teaching others how to study the Bible on their own**.
- The 2nd stage of discipleship is also when we begin **teaching others how to share the gospel with others**.
- The 2nd stage of should focus on **growing in obedience to God's Word** and a desire to **conquer ongoing sin**.
- The 2nd stage of discipleship strives to help a disciple be more **heavenly minded** vs **earthly minded**.
- The 2nd stage is when we allow someone to take on a larger, more **active role in serving/helping in ministry**.

Personal Notes: