

## Sermon Discussion Questions

Resolution: Fellowship - Flip Side of Leadership

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*“And when they brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.”*

Luke 5:11

### Getting Started:

A leader is not a leader unless there is a follower. What made Jesus worth following? Knowing these attributes makes us better leaders for Jesus while seeking to be a better follower of Jesus. **What are two qualities you look for in a good leader?**

### Going Deeper:

**Fellowship requires a Decision:** *“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and **follow me.**” - Luke 9:23*

**Consider the Choice:** (Vision/ Values/ Virtues)

**Count the Cost:** (Time/ Energy/ Resources & Relationships)

**Compare the Consequences:** (Output/ Outcomes)

We all face the decision of whose influence we will follow. It may be a famous athlete, business leader, health guru, fitness instructor, religious figure, social justice warrior, television personality, or politician. Many of these famous people have hundreds of thousands, and sometimes millions of followers on social media. As we look at this person, we are usually drawn to something about them that deeply moves and inspires us. Yet, when we stop and think about it, they usually have just one outstanding quality that we are drawn to. What if there was a person who was so well-rounded and righteous that He was everything you could ever ask for in a hero? **How did Jesus fulfill this ideal role?**

**Followship reveals Direction:** *“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows** me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*  
**John 8:12**

**Commitment to Concede:** Followship is not just Compliance, it is Congruence!

**Courage to Conform:** Followship is not just Submission, it is Succession!

**Cause To Carry:** Followship is not just Obedience, it is Ownership!

With this invitation to follow Him, Jesus is asking for people to be more than just inspired. He wants His followers to live in congruence (integrity) with His life. He wants His followers to carry on His life. And He wants His followers to own this life change and lifestyle completely. We truly ‘die to ourselves’ and He begins to live in us. Think back over your spiritual journey. **How has following Jesus helped you to walk out of darkness and see the world and your life differently?**

**Followship results in Distinction:** *“After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “**Follow** me.” And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.”* **Luke 5:27-28**

**Core Conviction:** *“Not just ideas, but ideas that hold you”* - Unknown

Principles: (Absolute Truth)

Policies: (People over Paper)

Platform: (Identification)

**Consistent Character:** *“Not just who you are when no one is looking, it is who you are when everybody is looking”* - Unknown

**Clear Calling:**

Time is limited for you:

Not everyone is going to like you:

Relationships are important to you:

The Mission is bigger than you.

Levi the tax collector found Someone so inspiring to follow that leaving everything else behind seemed like a great deal. He walked away from his identity, his reputation, his

wealth, and his job. He would follow Jesus for 3 years as Jesus ministered to people and revealed God's heart to them and for them. Levi would later write his Gospel, his good news about Jesus. It became the first book in our New Testament, the book of Matthew, famous for many things, but especially famous for the 'Great Commission' found in Matthew 28:18-20. Take a moment to read it. The man who left everything to follow Jesus relates Jesus' words to each of us that we are all to be disciples who make disciples of the whole world. Levi expects all of us to do what he did. He was completely convinced that Jesus was worth following. Are you? If so, what is that looking like in your life today? If not, what barriers do you have to putting your faith in Jesus as your leader?

*Take Away:* In order to be the best leader, you have to be the best follower. The question is not only "are you a leader worth following?" But "Is the leader (Jesus) you are following worth me following"?

**Prayer:**