

2. I Follow Jesus as “Lord” in Total Surrender (vs 34)

Q: Do you resist being told what to do? why? does that sneak into your heart with God? Jesus describes three aspects of this surrender for those who want to be His disciple. To “come after Jesus”, I surrender to Jesus’ functional leadership when I choose to...

- a) deny myself —
- b) take up my cross —
- c) follow Him —

What do these mean, and what are the practical implications in our lives? How has the choice to be a disciple of Jesus affected various aspects of your life and relationships?

3. I Serve Jesus & the Gospel with Personal Sacrifice (vs 35)

Q: What personal sacrifices do I make for Jesus? for the Gospel?

Q: *What do I stand to gain* by sacrificially serving Jesus and the Gospel?

Q: *What do I stand to lose* by **not** sacrificially serving Jesus and the Gospel?

Q: Does Jesus give the option of sacrificial service for Him **without** *doing so for the Gospel?* Why do we sometimes treat personal sacrifice for the Gospel as an option?

CONCLUSION

“Being a disciple of Jesus isn’t something we live up to; it is **someone we live into**” (Edmund Chan). Having made the commitment, it is about who we are becoming.

On Sunday, Gerry gave the following fulsome **definition of a disciple of Jesus**:

“Disciples of Jesus believe He is the Christ, worship Him as the Son of God, and surrender all they are and have to His functional leadership as they intentionally follow, learn from, become like, love and serve Him, multiplying the same in others.”

As you reflect on this, is there one aspect the Holy Spirit impresses upon you to grow into more intentionally? What could you do to inculcate this into who you’re becoming?

PRAY for one another that we sink our roots deep into these aspects of Jesus call on us