

Follow God's Leading: Lordship

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Re-ordering your schedule around God

Who this is for: Everyone

Desired impact on disciples: Learn to focus on God before other things (e.g., schoolwork)

Desired impact on campus/home/others: Faithful prayer will open doors to change on campus

If we aren't following Jesus, then whom are we following? So many people, places, and things fight for our attention but Jesus is the only one actually worthy of it. When Jesus has our undivided attention, he uses it to change the world!

Hear the word

Luke 18:18-30

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

- What keeps this man from following Jesus? Why?
- What does Jesus offer in the passage?
- Like the man in the passage, we too put things of this world above following Jesus fully. What keeps you from fully following Jesus?
- What would it look like for you to surrender these things to Jesus?

Respond actively

Read the prayer below and rewrite it in your own words. Pray it daily to help you see God and follow him; what is Jesus calling you to today?

Jesus, show me your glory today, that I may see more of you. Remind me of your goodness. Lord, you are the only true God and you are worthy of my all! I offer myself to you today. Show me how to follow you and remind me of you and your mission moment by moment. Lord lead me today. Amen.

Debrief and Interpret

- What feelings did you experience as you followed Jesus today?
- What things did you do to follow God? How did they go?

- What's one thing you learned from Luke 18? What is one thing you learned through the focusing prayer and faithfulness exercises?
- How can you continue practicing the value of "following God's leading" throughout the rest of the week?

Expand the Influence

Commit to praying for an action to do