

“Jesus, why?”

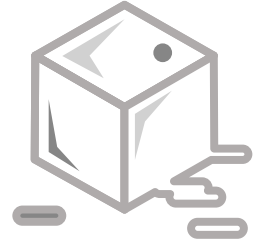
WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2025

Why Do You Ask Me to Follow You, Jesus?

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OTHER THAN JESUS, WHO IN THE BIBLE
WOULD YOU WANT TO TALK TO AND WHY?



INTRODUCTION:

- How would you respond if YOU were one of the people in the Gospels that Jesus talked to, or did a miracle for?

THE STORY OF THE RICH RULER

- If Jesus said you need to do ONE THING to be saved, would you agree to ANYTHING? Think back to when you realized that everything YOU could do on your own was not enough. What was that feeling like?
- Pastor Mike said that the call of God for every person on the planet is simply to follow Jesus! Why then do we as humans still try to rely on our flesh, culture, and outside influences instead of following Him?

WHAT'S THE "ONE THING" IN THE WAY OF FOLLOWING

JESUS?

- You may not have millions of dollars and tons of authority and power like the rich man in Luke 18:18-23, but there are things in our lives that compete for our devotion to Jesus. What is your one thing?
- How can you get that "one thing" out of your life to make room for Jesus to come in and change your life?
- What are your hesitations towards getting the "one thing" out of the way?

HOW DO WE FOLLOW JESUS BETTER?

- Decide - The MOST POWERFUL THING is often the hardest thing. Why do you suppose that is?
- Evaluate - Pastor Mike introduced The Life & Leadership Balance Wheel. How do you think you're doing at life and leadership as God would have you? How could you improve?
- Surrender - The rich young man already BELIEVED in GOD! He DECIDED to live for God according to the 10 Commandments, but he MISSED IT on the SURRENDER! How are you doing on surrender? What area in your life have you not yet surrendered to Jesus?
- Follow - What does it mean to follow Jesus completely, and how does this differ than simply believing in him?

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ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Jesus makes you a promise! Not only will your eternal life be blessed, but this life will be better for you as you follow Jesus! There's nothing worth more than following Jesus with your whole life.



ASK

What does it mean to you to lead people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ?



CHALLENGE

Challenge yourself today to really examine your life for anything that is in the way of following Jesus more closely, let's figure that out and get it taken care of. The most powerful thing you can do is decide to FULLY follow Jesus!

PRAYER

Search my heart, oh Lord, examine me and show me the areas where I have repositioned the idols of my error back into the prominent places of my life. Lord, I see the benefit of having you in my life: staying focused on you helps me to keep my eyes directly on you. I love you, and I want others to know I love you - not by my actions but by your representation in my seen life and my unseen actions. Lord, I desire to be a fully devoted follower of you, and I can use your help to stay consistent with my devotion. Thank you, Lord, for always loving and helping me.