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Bible Study

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

On last Sunday, I preached a sermon entitled **“An Encounter With Jesus”** from Mark 10:46-52. The sermon talked about what happened to blind Bartimaeus after he had an encounter with Jesus. In verse fifty-two, the Bible says that Bartimaeus received his sight and then he **“followed Jesus.”** Which leads to the question of tonight’s Bible Study—“What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus?”

I. To Follow Jesus Means To Become A Disciple

Followers of Jesus become true disciples.

- *Matthew 28:18-20*

II. To Follow Jesus Means To Function As A Disciple

1. Followers of Jesus become imitators of Him in thought, word, and deed.
 - *Acts 2:41-47*
2. Followers of Jesus are assured of their salvation by God alone.
 - *Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:8-10*
3. Followers of Jesus practice the principles of the Christian faith.
 - *Matthew 6:33; 2nd Timothy 3:16-17*
4. Followers of Jesus obey God’s laws and commands.
 - *Luke 10:25-28; Galatians 5:16-25*
5. Followers of Jesus represent God in this world.
 - *Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 1:8*
6. Followers of Jesus serve other people.
 - *Matthew 20:25-28; Philippians 2:1-4*
7. Followers of Jesus reproduce themselves in the world.
 - *Matthew 9:35-38; John 15:8*

Brothers and sisters, living as a disciple of Jesus is one of the greatest challenges that every believer will face. Therefore, the question of the hour is...are you living your life as a **Follower of Jesus Christ?**