

TALK IT OVER

FOLLOWING JESUS (Part 1)

DIG DEEPER

Class # 25

The Christian life is one of constant growth. Just as there are stages of physical growth, the same is true in the spiritual. It doesn't matter where you find yourself today, the important thing is that you are growing! **Healthy things grow!**

To ensure that you don't get stuck in your spiritual growth, you need to be intentional about two things. First, your personal relationship with God has to be stable, fervent, and growing. Second, you must overcome all obstacles and barriers that keep you from building relationships with others. If you're like me, shy by nature (believe it or not!), this will require a lot of prayer and a lot of bold steps of faith outside of the boat of your comfort. Jesus left us this very important command (**Matthew 28:19**).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Honestly, do you feel you are growing in your spiritual life, or do you feel stuck?
2. **Read Luke 9:57-62.** Do you think it is always easy and comfortable to follow Jesus?
3. What is the difference between a religious person and one that has been born again?



"But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."
- Luke 9:62 (NLT)

SIMPLICITY

Ephesians 4:13 tells us about the continuity of the growth process of every child of God. He assures us that this process must continue until we become mature in the Lord (come to the full and complete measure of Christ.)

We've all been born spiritually dead. **John 1:12-13** says that when we believe in Jesus and receive him, we are born again. This means that our Spirit comes alive by connecting with the Spirit of God. For this new birth to take place, you not only need to believe in Jesus, but you also have to "receive him." Receiving Jesus is not repeating a prayer but receiving his Lordship over your life. It is giving up our way of doing things and adopting His way. It is dying to self, so that Christ can live in us.

Invite attendees to surrender ALL their life and truly receive the Lordship of Christ. This is the only way to be born again and become a Child of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCERT / WORSHIP NIGHT with Art Aguilera & Band
NEXT STEPS COURSE
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (LEGACY Doral Park)

This Thursday, July 1st
July 4th (9am Live or Zoom)
July 31st @ 10am