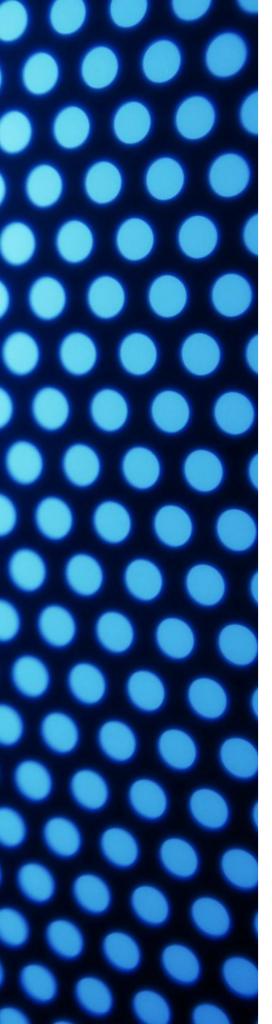


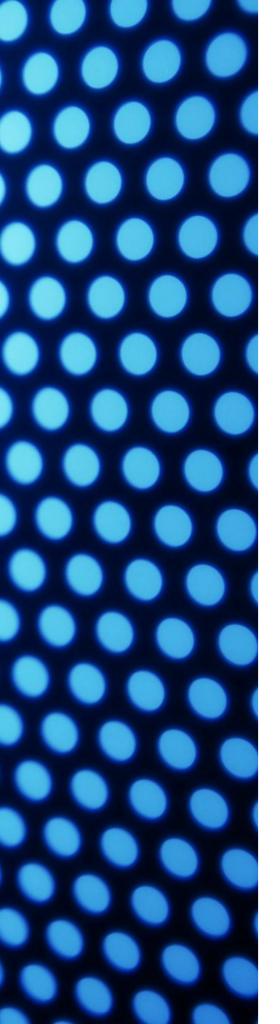
## FOLLOWING JESUS

Talk to me about... #5



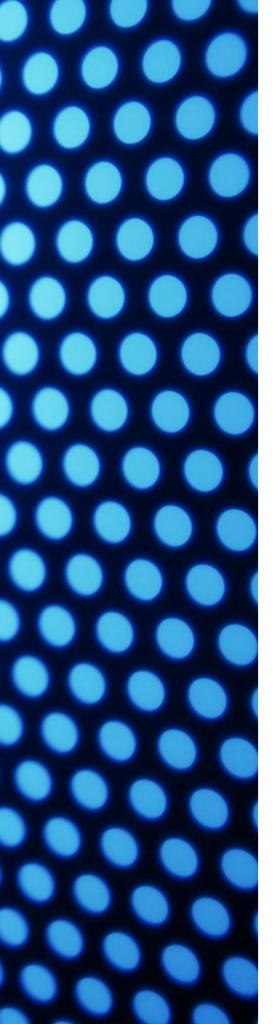
## **FOLLOWING JESUS:**

- **➤**Is more than any singular act:
  - ➤ Following Jesus is about more than belief (James 2.20-26).
  - > Following Jesus is about more than baptism (Romans 6.2-4).
  - ➤ Following Jesus is about more than a moral life (Matthew 7.21-23).
- **➤**Involves some (perhaps) unexpected responsibilities:
  - ➤ Being submissive, regardless of sex and status (Ephesians 5.2,21).
    - ➤ A submissiveness that embraces significance (5.1-2).
  - > Being positively involved in the lives of others (1 Corinthians 12.26).
  - ➤ Being financially liberal (2 Corinthians 9.6-7).
  - ➤ Being active in my own salvation (Philippians 2.12-13).



## WHAT IS NEEDED TO FOLLOW JESUS?

- ➤ Material wealth is not needed to follow Christ.
  - **➤ 2 Corinthians 8.1-2,12-15**
- ➤ A lineage of godliness is not needed to follow Christ.
  - ➤ A family history of faith can certainly be helpful (2 Timothy 3.15).
  - ➤ Plenty of people lived lives of faith without any record of family members who submitted to God (Job, Abraham, Paul, Lydia).
- **➤** A comprehensive knowledge of Bible history and stories.
  - ➤ Again, this can be helpful (Romans 15.4).
  - The Gospel message is designed to be understood quickly:
    - ➤ How much did the Philippian jailer know? What about the Ethiopian eunuch?



## WHAT IS NEEDED TO FOLLOW JESUS?

- ➤ Humility I can't be prideful and follow Christ.
  - ➤ James 1.21 Pride will keep me from embracing a message which identifies me as a sinner in need of salvation.
- ➤ Dedication My journey will quickly end if I'm not dedicated to Jesus and His Gospel.
  - **➤** Hebrews 10.23
- ➤ Love I must love Jesus, love His word, and love His people in order to follow Him.
  - **Ephesians 6.24**; John 14.23-24; 1 Peter 1.22