

GOD SPEAKS

EXPLORE WHAT IT TAKES IN ORDER TO LIVE A LIFE FULLY SURRENDERED TO JESUS AND FOCUSED ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD FOR HIS KINGDOM.

1. THE _____

¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." **Matthew 4:19**

2. THE _____

²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. **Luke 9:23**

3. THE _____

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. **Matthew 28:20**

DIVING DEEPER

- Based on your commitments, what might people assume about you?
- What keeps you from committing to things that will help you develop Christlikeness?
- How can the urgency of 2 Peter 3:11 affect the way you make your commitments?

GOD INVITES

As we wrap up today, let's remember that the call to discipleship is not just for a select few, but for each and every one of us. It's a call to go out into the world and share the Good News of Jesus, to make disciples, and to teach others what it means to follow Him. Yes, there's a cost to discipleship, but the rewards are immeasurable. And we can take comfort in knowing that Jesus is with us every step of the way, providing us with the strength, guidance, and love we need to carry out His mission.

Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Go forth in the confidence that you are called, equipped, and empowered to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, sharing His love and light with the world.

Let's close in prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the time we've shared together today, exploring your Word and the call to discipleship. We ask that you continue to guide us and strengthen us as we seek to follow you and share your love with others. Help us to embrace the cost and commitment of discipleship, knowing that you are always with us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in peace, Church family, and let's live out our calling as disciples of Christ.