

Becoming A Devoted Follower Of Jesus
Our Mission Is To Know & Share Jesus - John 14
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Sermon Notes

Big Idea: A Devoted Follower of Jesus Knows & Shares The Good News

What Does A Devoted Follower Of Jesus Look Like?

1. They Have A Personal Life-Changing Relationship With Jesus

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in me.** John 14:1 (NIV)

⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:4-6 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

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2. They Trust Their Future Is Secure In Jesus

² In my Father's house are **many rooms**; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to **prepare a place for you.** ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will **come back** and **take you to be with me** that you also may be where I am.

John 14:2-3 (NIV)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

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3. They Trust That God Is With Them

⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us

the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. **John 14:7-11 (NIV)**

¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because **I am going to the Father.** ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the **Son may bring glory to the Father.** ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and **I will do it.** ¹⁵ **"If you love me, you will obey what I command."** ¹⁶ And I will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another **Counselor** to be with you forever-- ¹⁷ the **Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and **will be in you.**

John 14:12-17 (NIV)

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. **Because I live, you also will live.** ²⁰ On that day you will realize that **I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.** ²¹ **Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.** He who loves me will be loved by my **Father**, and **I too will love him and show myself to him.**" ²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My **Father** will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him.** **John 14:18-23 (NIV)**

²⁴ **He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.** These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the **Father** who sent me. ²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the **Counselor, the Holy Spirit**, whom the **Father** will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.** ²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the **Father**, for the **Father is greater than I.** ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, ³¹ but the world must learn that **I love the Father** and that **I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.** "Come now; let us leave.

John 14:24-31 (NIV)

➤ Do you have a personal life-changing relationship with Jesus?

My next right step, I will:

[] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

[] Sign up for a small group [M-T-W-Th-F] [] Couples [] Men's [] Women's

[] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism.

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Small Group Leader: Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. If using this as a family, use the icebreaker section to go deeper on Sunday's teaching.

Cornerstone's Vision: We exist to make fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: How would you describe what a devoted follower of Jesus looks like?

Today, some might say, "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere."
 Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

Today, some might say, "God grades on a curve."
 Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

In what way is faith in Jesus Christ exclusive or narrow?

In what way is Christianity an exclusive belief system?

How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life in your life?

What Does A Devoted Follower Of Jesus Look Like?

1. They Have A Personal Life-Changing Relationship With Jesus

Read John 14:1-4

How did Jesus want His disciples to respond to His departure? (14:1)

What comfort does Jesus offer his disciples?

In what did Jesus want His disciples to trust? (14:1)

2. They Trust Their Future Is Secure In Jesus

Where did Jesus say He was going? (14:2)

What assurance did Jesus give His disciples that what He said was true? (14:2)

What did Jesus say He was going to do in His Father's house? (14:2)

What troubles your heart?

How do you usually handle worries that trouble you?

Why is it sometimes hard to trust God with our problems?

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father's house?

In what way is Jesus preparing you to be with Him?

How are you preparing to be with Jesus?

Apply It

What troubles do you need to entrust to God today?

What can you do today to prepare yourself for an eternity with Jesus?

Who did Jesus say He was?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

What mission does Jesus give to every believer?

Who will you share this good news with?

3. They Trust That God Is with Them

Read John 14:15-31

Whom did Jesus say that His disciples would know if they really knew Him? (14:7)

How did Jesus characterize His relationship with the Father? (14:10-11)

What evidence did Jesus use to prove that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him? (14:11)

What did Jesus say that those who had faith in Him would do? (14:12)

What should be the context of our prayers? (14:13)

How are we related to Jesus Christ and God the Father?

What can you do this week to deepen your relationship with Christ?

Close in Prayer.