

TURN, TRUST, FOLLOW

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

This week write down one thing each day that you will do to follow Jesus. At the end of the week, evaluate your results to see whether you were successful or not.

TAKEAWAYS

- Two Important Things About God: He is JUST, and He is GRACIOUS.
- The way of Jesus is always BETTER but is not always EASIER.
- The more we truly KNOW Jesus, the more we can TRUST Him, and the more we TRUST Him, the more naturally we FOLLOW Him.
- Turning from our sin and TRUSTING God's forgiveness is the start of our FOLLOWING Jesus.
- Based on who He is and what He has done for us, Jesus is the ONLY ONE WORTH FOLLOWING.

SCRIPTURE

Read Mark 1:1-24

QUESTIONS

1. Think about a time when you followed something other than Jesus, whether it was a person, an obsession, or even an addiction. What was the result? How did you come to realize you were not following Jesus as well as you thought you were?
2. Pastor Ron reminds us that sin separates you from you, you from others and you from God. In your experience, how does sin separate you from you, others, and God?
3. Can you recall a time when you or someone you loved fully experienced God's grace and forgiveness? How did it affect you?
4. The way of Jesus is always better, but it is not always easier. In what ways have you found this to be true?
5. State in your own words why Jesus is the only one worth following. Do you believe Jesus is satisfied with the way you are following Him (would He call you a good and faithful servant – see Matthew 25:14-30)? If not, are you struggling to know Jesus, to repent from a sin or to trust in Jesus? Explain your answer.
6. We can all make a lengthy list of things we know God says not to do. What are the things that God wants you to do that you are resisting? Why are you not responsive to what God asks/requires of you? How do you think God sees your lack of effort? (See James 1:22, 2:26, 4:17)
7. To repent of your sins, you must identify your sins. Read the following scenarios and identify your natural reaction and what God would want you to do. Discuss.
 - a. The cashier gives you too much money back in change and you do not realize it until you get into your car (Romans 13:9).
 - b. In your small group, what starts as a prayer request devolves into a detailed discussion of the persons involved (Romans 1:29-31).
 - c. You are in your car and look at the speedometer to realize that to keep up with traffic you are exceeding the speed limit by 15 mph. (Romans 13:1-5).
 - d. A relative asks you for a loan and then fails to pay you back (Luke 6:35).