

life?" **Have you asked this kind of question to Jesus? Do you find this question frightening or intimidating? Why, or why not? What would it look like for you to offer your life to Jesus wholeheartedly?**

The final identity that Jesus’s disciples take on is that of a witness. Read Matthew 28:18–20. In Jesus’s final words to his disciples, which reverberate forward to his disciples to this day, he says the Holy Spirit will empower us to “be [his] witnesses.” **How would you describe what it means to bear witness about Jesus? In what ways do you seek to be a witness?**

No matter your station in life, whether you’re a doctor, lawyer, teacher, stay-at-home parent, college student, barista, or anything else, you can be a witness. Where God has placed you provides a unique context where you can tell others about Jesus. **What opportunities does your current life stage provide for being a witness to Jesus? Who are the people you encounter that you wouldn’t otherwise encounter? How could you take full advantage of those opportunities?**

As J.D. noted, “To follow Jesus means that you assume the identities of worshiper, family member, servant, steward, and witness. This is what it means to . . . look like him, think like him, and live like him.” **Which of these five identities comes most naturally to you? Which of them do you find most difficult? What could you do to grow in each of these identities?**

J.D. closed this series by reminding us that the local church is the context where growing as a disciple of Jesus works best and where “life-on-life transformation happens.” His encouragement

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was to be increasingly involved in a local, Bible-teaching church—not a spectator, but someone deeply enmeshed in the life of the church.

What’s the next step you could take to deepen your involvement in the local church?

LAST WORD

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey. It was for first-century believers, and it remains true for us today. And following Jesus means just that: going where he goes and doing what he does. That’s what being a disciple is all about.

And following Jesus is worth it. Why? Because he is the God-Man, the second person of the Trinity who died for our sins and rose from the dead, conquering sin and death on our behalf. He loves us, and when we follow him, he leads us to the fullness of life; life as it was meant to be; life as it will be once again. Will you follow him today?

SESSION'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

What does it mean to follow Jesus today?

Following Jesus is the process of believing in his life, death, and resurrection, trusting him as Lord and savior, walking with him daily by faith, and emulating his ways to others.

DEEPER WALK

This section is designed to help you practice different ways to interact with God and reflect on

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Take heart: If you are a disciple of Jesus, you have been adopted and welcomed into the family of God. End your time by praying and thanking God that he made you a part of his family.

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