

The Art of Following Pastor Steve

Key Verse of the Day

And they left their nets at once and followed him. Matthew 4:20 NLT

Big Thought of the Day

Some people decide that following Jesus just _____.

Million Dollar Question

Can you be a Christian if you know who Jesus is and what he has done for Humanity, but choose not to follow Him?

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. James 2:19 NLT

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" Mark 8:34-36 NLT

What Does It Look Like to Follow Jesus?

Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him. Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." Luke 5:27-32 NLT

To Follow Jesus Means That...

- We Understand Our Need To _____!

Repent Means...

- To ask Jesus to _____ us of our sins.
- To _____ to live as much like Jesus as possible.

Following Jesus means that we acknowledge our _____
_____ apart from Him.

To Follow Jesus Means that...

- We _____!

As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Mark 10:17-22 NLT

If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. Matthew 10:38 NLT

Taking up your cross means to _____.

To Follow Jesus Means That...

- We Adopt The _____!

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20 NLT

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:10 NLT

To follow Jesus is seek to become _____!

Bottom Line:

Are you in _____ or carrying your _____?

The Challenge

1. What would it take for you to move out of the _____?
2. What step could you take in your life to be more like _____?