

The Choice to Follow

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The Choice to Follow Christ

- ▶ What does it really mean to follow Christ?
- ▶ How could others tell if I was a follower of Jesus Christ?

Following Christ involves Personal Cost

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What personal sacrifices have you made in following Christ?

The Call to Follow is Urgent

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What is keeping you from following Christ today, in this moment?

Following Christ is Our First Priority

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Does your commitment to follow Christ permeate every aspect of your life?