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## Sermon Discussion Guide

### The Teaching of Followership - Tim Knipp

April 16, 2023

#### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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#### Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- When you think of a firm foundation, what examples or experiences come to mind?
- Describe a time where you became more like a teacher or mentor over time.

#### Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- **Read Luke 6: 20-49**
- What is the context of this passage? What has just happened beforehand, and what do we know about the audience for Jesus' teaching? (Consider re-reading Luke 6: 12-19)
- What is stated in this passage? What commands does Jesus give to his followers?
  - Which commands of Jesus do you imagine would be particularly surprising for his audience?
- What does this text say about what it means to walk with Jesus?

#### Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- What is revealed about God's character in this passage?
  - This passage focuses on how we are to become more like Jesus and the Father. What in their character are we to draw closer to?
- When have you seen someone live out what was talked about in this passage?
  - Someone who exemplifies coming to Jesus, and living in relationship with Him?



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- Someone who exemplifies listening to Jesus' words, and imprinting His words on their hearts?
- Someone who exemplifies putting Jesus' words into practice, transforming how they live?
- What are the challenges to following Jesus in the way he commands in Luke 6?
  - What might prevent us from coming to Jesus in relationship?
  - What might prevent us from deeply listening to Jesus', meditating upon them and imprinting them on our hearts?
  - What might prevent us from putting his words into action?

#### Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- How do you feel led to respond this week to Jesus' teaching?
  - How will you come to Jesus in relationship this week?
    - What routines help you prioritize spending time with Jesus?
    - What additional step might you want to take this week?
  - How will you listen to His words this week?
    - What part of Jesus' teaching from this passage do you feel you need to meditate on this week? Highlight it or write it down.
    - Where might you put that passage to come return to and revisit throughout the week ahead?
  - How will you put his words into action?
    - What practical steps do you feel led to in your work? School? Home?

#### Time of Prayer