

Following Jesus

Study Guide – Living Sacrificially

Main Idea: Jesus lived sacrificially for his followers.

Living like Jesus: We can imitate Jesus by loving and giving sacrificially to one another. This includes giving time, money, and other resources, as well as living unselfishly in relationships and even being willing to suffer for others.

Key Scriptures: Here are some examples of how Jesus sacrificed for others:

- He came to earth to bring the light of the gospel (John 1:1-18)
- By resisting temptation (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)
- By calling and training the disciples (Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11, and throughout the Gospels)
- By ministering to outcasts (John 4:5-42; Mark 3:1-6)
- By enduring rejection (Mark 6:1-6)
- By healing and feeding many (e.g., John 9:1-41; throughout the Gospels)
- By living simply for the sake of his mission and teaching his disciples to do the same (Matt. 8:18-22; Luke 9:57-62; Mark 10:17-31)
- As our Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21)
- By serving his disciples (Luke 22:24-30; John 13:1-20)
- By loving his disciples to the very end (John 13:1, 34)
- By laying down his life for his followers (John 15:9-14)
- By going to the cross to die for our sins (Passion Week in the Gospels)

Discussion Questions:

1. What specific stories or examples come to your mind when you hear that Jesus lived sacrificially for others?
2. Have you ever had another person sacrifice for you? What did that involve?
3. Would you say that you have ever lived sacrificially for another person? How so?
4. What does living sacrificially look like in everyday life?
5. What small steps can we take to live more sacrificially than we are now?
6. What are some blessings and benefits of living this way?