

What's He Talking About???

Throughout Jesus' life, he tried to tell us how to live as Disciples of Christ, but what exactly was he trying to say? Read over the following quotes and discuss with your partner what you think he might have meant.



- “What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the roof tops... Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.” --Matthew 10:27-33
- “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Money.” --Matthew 6:24
- “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” --Matthew 5:14-16
- Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” --John 21: 15-17
- “If anyone wishes to come with me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me.” --Luke 9:23
- “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” ---Matthew 25:40

Putting our Words into Actions...

With the Corporal Works of Mercy

Think of practical ways young people like you can do to follow Jesus' criteria for Catholic Christian discipleship. For each of Jesus' statements, how many examples can your group come up with?

“... For I was hungry and you gave me food”

Making a ham/cheese sandwich for your little brother or sister

“I was thirsty and you gave me drink”

Taking a glass of water to a friend or family member who is mowing the lawn

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”

Making room for a new student at school and introducing them to another friend

“I was naked and you clothed me”

Passing on a gently used pair of shoes or jeans to a clothing drive

“I was sick and you visited me”

Bringing homework assignments to a friend who is recovering from the flu

“I was in prison and you came to me”

Visiting an elderly neighbor who is confined to their house



“Amen Amen I say to you, when you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me.”

BUT...WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP REALLY...

Activity: Read Luke 9:1-6

- What word or phrase from the passage sticks out to you?
- Which instruction from Jesus would be most difficult to imagine doing? Why? (How could you do it?)
- This passage talks about having power over demons. In Jesus' time demons were manifestations of the power of evil in the world. What evils do Jesus' disciples need to address today?
- The passage talks about curing diseases and healing people. In what ways can you bring God's healing – physical or emotional- into the life of someone around you.
- Share a time in the previous week when you acted as a disciple?
- If Jesus tells us to take nothing on our Journey, what strengths do you think we have to equip you as a disciple?
- What areas do you need to grow?

How We Spend Our Time

Estimate the amount of time you spend on the activities listed in the chart below. When you are finished, process the following questions with your team.

Activity	Estimated time you spent on each activity Yesterday	Estimated time you spend on each activity last Sunday	Actual time spent
School			
Homework			
Hobbies			
Mass			
Eating			
Household chores			
Watching TV			
Listening to music			
Sports/Music			
Service Project			
Time with your family			
Time with your friends			
Praying			
Time on Computer			
Sleeping			
Playing Video Games			
Other			

-What surprised you most about the way you spend your time?

-Were you surprised, disappointed, or challenged by how much or how little time you spend in any one of these activities?

-How would you want to change the amount of time you spend on various activities? Why?

Take Away! Take this chart home and keep track of how much time you actually spend on each activity listed. After a few days, answer the questions again on your own and with your family and sponsor.