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PASTOR BLASTER

Cost of Discipleship... following Jesus - Wherever. Whenever. Whatever.

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

At the end of Luke chapter nine, after Jesus offers invitation to follow him, we are introduced to three people who initially seem eager to be followers. However, as they process the true reality and specifics in this calling to follow, they begin to make excuses. As they try to negotiate the terms of their level of commitment to Jesus, it becomes clear that they were really just spectators, not followers.

*As they were walking along someone said to Jesus, "I will always follow you no matter where you go." But Jesus replied, "Remember, I don't even own a place to lay my head. Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but I, the Messiah, have no earthly home at all." (**wherever**) Another time, when he invited a man to come with him and to be his disciple, the man agreed—but wanted to wait until his father's death. Jesus replied, "Let those without eternal life concern themselves with things like that. Your duty is to come and preach the coming of the Kingdom of God to all the world." (**whenever**) Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will come, but first let me ask permission of those at home." But Jesus told him, "Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God." (**whatever**) Luke 9:57-62 Living Bible*



Throughout our lives Jesus will pose the same questions to us: What about there? What about now? What about that? As we venture into this new school calendar year let's stay open to hearing Jesus' calling us to follow him and deciding that we're **ALL IN**. #**ALLIN** last year brought home a national championship in college football to Clemson University.



“Always let the light inside you shine brighter than the light shining on you.” Dabo Swinney

Jesus is in the “follow me” business of using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things for His kingdom. Isn’t that the championship team you want to be a part of?



What We Believe

As United Methodists, we have an obligation to bear a faithful Christian witness to Jesus Christ, the living reality at the center of the Church’s life and witness. To fulfill this obligation, we reflect critically on our biblical and theological inheritance, striving to express faithfully the witness we make in our own time.

Who God Is...

God, who is one, is revealed in three distinct persons. When we say the Apostles’ Creed, we join with millions of Christians through the ages in an understanding of God as a Trinity—three persons in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God, who is one, is revealed in three distinct persons. “God in three persons, blessed Trinity” is one way of speaking about the several ways we experience God.

We also try to find adjectives that describe the divine nature: God is transcendent (over and beyond all that is), yet at the same time immanent (present in everything). God is omnipresent (everywhere at once), omnipotent (all-powerful), and omniscient (all-knowing). God is absolute, infinite, righteous, just, loving, merciful...and more. Because we cannot speak literally about God, we use metaphors: God is a Shepherd, a Bridegroom, a Judge. God is Love or Light or Truth.

What God Does...

We cannot describe God with certainty. But we can put into words what God does and how we experience God’s action in our lives. God works in at least these seven ways:

- **God creates.** In the beginning God created the universe, and the Creation is ongoing. From the whirling galaxies, to subatomic particles, to the unfathomable wonders of our own minds and bodies—we marvel at God’s creative wisdom.
- **God sustains.** God continues to be active in creation, holding all in “the everlasting arms.” In particular, we affirm that God is involved in our human history—past, present, and future.
- **God loves.** God loves all creation. In particular, God loves humankind, created in the divine image. This love is like that of a parent. We’ve followed Jesus in speaking of God as “our Father,” while at times it seems that God nurtures us in a motherly way as well.
- **God suffers.** Since God is present in creation, God is hurt when any aspect of creation is hurt. God especially suffers when people are injured. In all violence, abuse, injustice, prejudice, hunger, poverty, or illness, the living God is suffering in our midst.
- **God judges.** All human behavior is measured by God’s righteous standards—not only the behavior itself but also the motive or the intent. The Lord of life knows our sin—and judges it.
- **God redeems.** Out of infinite love for each of us, God forgives our own self-destruction and renews us within. God is reconciling the individuals, groups, races, and nations that have been rent apart. God is redeeming all creation.
- **God reigns.** God is the Lord of all creation and of all history. Though it may oftentimes seem that the “principalities and powers” of evil have the stronger hand, we affirm God’s present and future reign

Educate...Communicate...Change

FAN OR FOLLOWER?

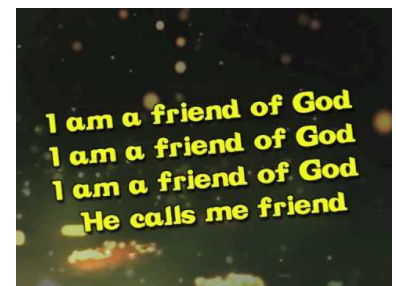
The invitation of Jesus is not only to believe, but to come and follow him as well. A disciple is someone who has accepted that invitation and made the choice to orient their lives around who Jesus is, what Jesus has done, and what Jesus is still doing in the world today. All ministries at KUMC exist to come along side of you in your commitment to follow Jesus and help you take that right next step through numerous Sunday School Classes and midweek class options that cover a variety of topics, connectional ministries such as Men's and Women's Ministry, small group studies and opportunities to serve out of your giftedness and call.

PURPOSE DRIVEN CLASS

A "new" Intergenerational Adult Sunday School Class...starting September 10th...Fellowship Hall
We are convinced that life is better together. This class will put you in the same place at the same time with other people who are looking to jump into a small group and will help get your shared life together started off on the right foot. We will start of our journey together with the study series "What On Earth Am I Here For?"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcxKRSn-hGc>



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