in **LUKE 9:23** Jesus issues the ultimate follow me request. He holds nothing back, He never really did. 

You want to follow me...this is what it looks like.

He’s not dressing it up to make it sound easy, he’s being truthful. THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED.

He’s not trying to trick you.....because of this He says some pretty crazy things….at least in our mind.

So crazy that Jesus can't be but one of three things....A liar, A lunatic, or LORD.

I believe He is Lord, many of you do as well....and If he is Lord….I better follow Him with all I have.

If He is Lord to you...The Bible teaches we must see what he teaches and do as teaches.

IN the midst of all the other voices and things I follow....His voice must be loudest and have my utmost attention

**But does it? Is it the loudest....does it hold my attention above all else?**

If that’s my goal...for his voice to be loudest....to hold my attention...the result is seen daily.

The result is that He will saturate all I'm involved in each day.

If Jesus is the loudest voice, what I follow the most....the very foundation of my life....if that’s true

All He is to me will saturate all I'm involved in each day.

Broadly it's this....because Christ is in you....you bring Christ to every situation you're in.

**More specifically -consider the people who follow you, notice you...imitate you...want to be you.**

You’re being led by someone.....but you are also leading someone. Even if you don't want that responsibility.

So let's assume people follow you....at the least we can say people see you, watch you, notice you.

What do they see?

It seems we think we have something that everyone should see. (don’t lie...you want people to follow you on Insta, Snap, Twitter.

At least the people you’re ok with seeing what you post...that’s another sermon..

So a good question to ask in light of this is....

**What are they going to see if they follow you?**

Now some of you are like “I don’t care if they follow me.”

I'm going to say that somewhere in your heart there is a cry for people to follow you.

Even If it’s the “I don’t care” that you want people to see.

I'm not here to say “follow me” is a bad thing to say....Paul even said...Hey, do what I do....imitate me, follow me.

But the difference is this....Paul finished that thought by saying this.....“as I follow Christ.”  **I Cor. 11**

So....WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING and WHAT ARE OTHERS FOLLOWING AS THEY FOLLOW YOU.

(Questions you must ask everyday...hold yourself accountable by asking those questions)

**5 specific ways we can FOLLOW Christ and BE something worth following**

1. **SEEK HIM ABOVE ALL THINGS.** (simple) Above all it’s Christ. Christ is not valued at all, unless above all.

   But take it deeper....read in a group, discuss, don’t shy away from uncertainty but rather ask questions....

2. **Read His Word..Apply His word (this is simple).** There is no substitute for you reading the Bible yourself.

   Be here – be around other followers. In general but specifically here...church is to the follower what milk is to a baby

3. **Live Clean – honestly and intentionally strive to live a life that brings God honor....sometimes you may be the only believer around...stand firm in this pursuit of holiness.

4. **Keep Perspective – Don't allow the small to become the big.** You must keep things in their place or they will ultimately take you over. What’s the main thing? Keep that the main thing.
**FOLLOW (week 3)**
Luke 9:23-26, 1 Cor. 10:23-11:1 –
Who’s Following You?

**POSSIBLE GROUP QUESTIONS:** (for tonight/throughout the week)
- Is Jesus the loudest voice in my life?
- Is Christ in me?
  - If so, where do I see the impact of that in my everyday life?
- What do those who follow me see? What does my life present?
- Who am I following and what do those who follow me see?

**IMMEDIATE APPLICATION:** (How to follow Christ.)
- Above all, seek Christ.
  - Christ is not valued at all unless He is valued above all. (Augustine)
- Read and Apply the Word.
- Be here. At Church.
- Pursue holiness at all costs.
- Keep perspective – keep the main thing the main thing.
- Be renewed daily – we fail, we often get sidetracked.
  - So we must daily set our hearts/affection on Christ.

**BIG QUESTION:**
Who are you following? What is the loudest voice?
What is it that is pouring from your life each day?