

Women & More

The Cross of Self—Followship

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Are we **dying to live** the Christian life? Do we want to make a difference for others? Then we must mortify ‘self’ to live the life of Christ! And we must follow Him closely to lead others to Him. Jesus’ leadership style was *followship*—following the Father.

The Apostle Paul says, “*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ*”

1 Corinthians 11:1

“They who would lead others must first
learn to follow the One who is higher than themselves.
More than anything else, people are looking for spiritual leaders who
are clearly experiencing God’s presence—following Christ closely.

A person is truly a spiritual leader
when others are moved to be more like Christ.”

Henry Blackaby

“I do not ask my cross to understand
My way to see—
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand
And follow Thee.”

Anonymous

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Luke 14:27

John 8:28

Galatians 2:19-20

Scripture to Memorize:

Luke 9:23 “*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Describe what the “cross of self” means to you?
2. Tell why you agree or disagree that in order to follow Christ—be his disciple—we must first put to death our own desires and quietly submit to God’s will.
3. Answer the question first asked in this lesson: *Are you dying to live...and make a difference for others?* And explain what that means to you.

Recommended Reading:

How To Give Away Your Faith, Paul E. Little

Knowing God, J. I. Packer

Spiritual Leadership, Henry and Richard Blackaby

Susanna Wesley, Charles Ludwig

The Case For Christ, Lee Strobel

The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren