Led by God Sermon Series: Week of September 24, 2023

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
- Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
- 1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
- 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice ... They will come in and go out, and find pasture." (John 10:3-4,9)

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1).

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:2)

- 1. In what ways might the idea of following Jesus be warped or altered by either cultural understandings of what following means or simply by the influence of sin?
- 2. In sermon, it was (humourously, hopefully) suggested that our following of Jesus often carries a caveat with it "lead me when I'm in the mood to be led". How accurate a statement do you believe this to be?
- 3. In sermon, it was suggested that the "follow Jesus" message of Christianity might be interpreted in our time as a self-help/self-determined venture.
 - a. Why might this be the case?
 - b. Have you seen this at work within modern Christianity? Give examples, if possible.
 - c. What outcomes might this lead to for either the church or for one's individual faith?
- 4. What difference, if any, might it make to one's faith if he or she focussed more on being led by God than on their own following of God?

Discussion Questions Set #2

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere". (2 Corinthians 2:12)

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you". (John 15:15)

"God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out "Abba, Father." So [we] are no longer [slaves], but God's child[ren]". (Galatians 4:6-7)

"We are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory". (Romans 8:17)

- 1. Scripture presents us a progression in the experience of the follower of Jesus from slave/servant to friend to child to co-heir, but it is as we humbly submit to being led by Jesus in His triumphant procession that we actually enjoy this transition.
 - a. How might understanding this reality shape your faith?
 - b. How does starting as a slave/servant (one led by Jesus) affect the application of our faith?
 - c. How does starting as a co-heir affect the application of our faith?
- 2. Discuss the following quote: "we like when Jesus is our co-heir, but often act as though He is our copilot along with us to the ride". In what practical implications might this result?
- 3. In sermon, it was suggested that the Christian life is composed of two columns, a strategic column made up of precepts, ideas and learning and a divine leading column made up of dynamic relational interaction with God, through the leading of His Holy Spirit. Why are both columns important and in what might preferring one to the negligence of the other result?





SLAVE/SERVANT

FRIEND

CHILD

CO-HEIR





