



SERMON DISCUSSION

The End Game of Following

Quotable Moments:

- We choose whether we follow Jesus. We don't get to choose how we follow.
- The end game of following Jesus is fearless faith.

Scripture: Matthew 10:16–20, 28–31

Key Things You Heard:

- Christ = God's Anointed One / King
- The New Testament writers refer to Jesus as Savior 157 times -- but refer to Him as Lord 700 times.
- The end game of following Jesus is a trust that expels all fear.
- Every step you are willing to take along this road of following Him -- is a step that gives Him another opportunity to prove He's trustworthy to you.
- When you have a trust in God that no pain or problem can shake -- then that perfect love overwhelms and casts out all fear.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for being my Savior, Forgiver and Friend. I know that without that, I could not have a relationship with you. I also thank you for being Messiah, Christ, and Lord. This means you have all power and deserve all worship. It also means that my natural response is to follow with full confidence in you. Help me to follow you without fear, knowing your great love for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Memorize 1 John 4:18.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: What are your first thoughts when someone says you should follow a king? What questions would you want answered?

- Which of these reasons have you heard most often for becoming a Christian? 1) Be a better person. 2) Go to heaven. 3) Have a problem free life.
- Read Matthew 10:16–19. What would you have been thinking upon hearing this if you were one of Jesus' disciples?
- Matthew 10:28–31. What is Jesus saying about your worth to your Heavenly Father? When you begin to understand your worth, what confidence does that give you?
- Paul said "The end game of following Jesus is a trust that expels all fear." What is keeping you from trusting Jesus more? How would you explain the relationship between trust and fear?
- Read 1 John 4:18. When you and I experience fear, it is because we don't fully experience the love of Jesus. What situation in your life can you apply this truth to right now?
- What action will you take this week, knowing Jesus is asking you to take this next step?