



# I Have Decided

## Week 2 – To Follow Jesus

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**Scripture References:** Mark 8:27-34, Luke 9:23

Jesus paid the price for everything we are going through when He went to the cross. A Walsh missionary in India shared Jesus with a family in a small village. The family received Christ as their savior. When they were brought to the center of town and asked to renounce Jesus the husband said, "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back." The whole family gave their life for the Gospel that day! This takes following Jesus to a completely different level.

### **What does it mean to follow Jesus?**

In Matthew 8:27-43, Jesus shared three things with his disciples.

1. Deny yourself.
2. Take up your cross.
3. Follow me.

We all came to Jesus because we heard of His goodness and that He would give us a better life. To follow Christ means that you are more interested in God's concerns than the world's concerns.

### **What brought you to Jesus?**

Crowd: Come and See

1. If you think the church is too big than your love for people is too small.
2. God wants us to have fun in church.

Congregation: Come and Join Us

1. We need to move from the crowd to the congregation and get involved.
2. Attend Starting Point.
3. Part of getting involved means that you are making it your church.

### **Have you found an area to become involved in?**

Committed: Come and Grow

1. Get involved in a Connect Group
2. Start your own Connect Group.
3. Help others grow in their faith.
4. Attend church on Wednesday nights for a different teaching.

Core: Come and Serve

1. Be a part of the church.
2. Make it your church.
3. Our job is to serve others.
4. If we serve others it makes us a better person.

Commissioned: Come and Die

1. I'm giving my life for the rest of my life serving Him.
2. I'm going to be the godly person that He called me to be.
3. We need to be the salt and the light wherever we go!
4. Die to yourself, carry your cross, follow Him on a daily basis!

We are all at different levels in our Christian walk. We are to embrace each other for our differences and grow in our faith. That involves getting involved and contributing to the Body. If we all come, commit, serve and become part of the great commission we are more interested in God's concerns than ours!