

YPG III

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Opening Session

Title: "Follow Me"

Text: Mark 1: 17

FOCUS FOR THE YEAR 2018: DISCIPLESHIP

Why discipleship?

1. Because it was the unique program designed by the Lord Jesus Himself
2. It is the process through which lives are shaped and moulded by the Lord
3. Christians were meant to be disciples! (cf. Acts 6: 2 "multitude of the disciples")

FOLLOW ME

"Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men" Mark 1: 17

1. A commencement point
 - a. The disciples had previous interactions with the Lord Jesus (cf. John 1: 35 – 42)
 - b. But it was here (Mark 1: 17) where they commenced discipleship
 - c. We must have a commencement point too!
2. A continuing process
 - a. Every area of life must be carefully examined
 - b. Discipleship is encapsulated by Paul in 2 Timothy 3: 10
 - c. Seven areas listed

"But you have carefully followed my..." 2 Timothy 3: 10

- i. Doctrine
- ii. Manner of life
- iii. Purpose
- iv. Faith
- v. Longsuffering

vi. Love

vii. Perseverance

I WILL MAKE YOU BECOME FISHERS OF MEN

1. "I will make you"...the disciples were of the Lord's making
 - a. Their lives were shaped by the Lord
 - b. They learnt to win souls
 - c. They became effective servants of God...and more!
 - d. They lived significant lives for Him
2. Others saw that they had been with Jesus (cf. Acts 4: 13)

THE CHALLENGE OF FOLLOWING

1. Make discipleship a serious consideration in your life!
2. Personal challenge (Mark 8: 34)
 - a. If anyone desires to come after Me
 - b. Let him deny himself
 - c. And take up his cross
 - d. And follow Me