



TITLE: "Locking In As A Disciple"

OPENING QUESTION: When was the last time you were invited into something unexpectedly—and how did you respond?

Matthew 9:9— "As Jesus was going down the road, he saw Matthew sitting at his taxcollection booth. 'Come, be my disciple,' Jesus said. So Matthew got up and followed him."

CHOOSE TO BE A LOCKED-IN DISCIPLE BY...

Being With Him CONSTANTLY

John 12:26— "If you want to be my disciple you must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And IF they follow me, the Father will honor them."

Mark 3:14a— "The plan was that they would be with him and then he would send them out to proclaim the Word."

QUESTION: Why do you think Jesus prioritized being with Him before sending the disciples out to do anything? How do activity, busyness, or even church involvement sometimes replace actual time with Jesus? What rhythms or habits help you stay present with Jesus?

Loving Him SUPREMELY

Luke 14:26— "If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple."

Mark 12:29-30 (MSG)— "The most important commandment is this: You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."

QUESTION: Jesus' words in Luke 14 feel intense. Why do you think He uses such strong language? How is loving Jesus supremely different from loving Him alongside other priorities?

Loving The Church UNCONDITIONALLY

John 13:35— "If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

1 John 3:16— "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

QUESTION: According to Jesus, what does love for other believers reveal to the world? Why is it sometimes easier to love Jesus than to love His people? Is there someone in the church you need to extend grace, forgiveness, or intentional love toward?



Obeying Him CONTINUALLY

John 8:31-32– “If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 15:7-8– “If you continue to live in me and what I say lives in you, then ask for anything you want, and it will be yours. You give glory to my Father when you produce a lot of fruit and therefore show that you are my disciples.”

QUESTION: Why do you think Jesus connects obedience with freedom? How is obedience different from legalism or rule-keeping? What kind of “fruit” should be evident in the life of a disciple?

Serving Others UNSELFISHLY

Mark 9:35– “If you want to be the most important person you must take the last place and be a servant to everyone else.”

Matthew 20:28– “For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 16:24– “If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

QUESTION: Why do you think serving is so central to discipleship? How does Jesus redefine greatness in these passages? What does “denying yourself” look like in our culture today? What do you love most about your serve team at New Walk?

Sharing Him EAGERLY

Matthew 4:20– “Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and went with him.”

Matthew 28:19-20– “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Mark 8:35-36**– “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.”

QUESTION: What fears or hesitations do people commonly have about sharing their faith? How does seeing evangelism as an invitation, instead of pressure, change things?

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

QUESTION: Which area that Pastor Gary gave us in this outline feels most challenging or uncomfortable?

QUESTION: If you could take one intentional step toward being a more locked-in disciple this week, what would it be?

