



## #7: BECOMING AN APPRENTICE <sup>1</sup>

### EXPLORATION

Is there any other question more central to the gospel than "whom do you follow"?

Is there any other question more frightening to ask ourselves than this same question?

Jesus spent his time on this earth preparing his followers, and then left them with the final command before he ascended into heaven to go do more of the same. The term "discipleship" has gathered many definitions as it has rolled through the millennia, so let's talk about discipleship in terms of "apprenticeship"!

*"Apprenticeship is best understood in the context of learning a trade, especially one that requires developing a set of skills important to becoming a fine craftsman."* TK Primer

1. What does it mean to you to be a disciple?
2. How might being an apprentice look differently?
3. Describe an Apprenticeship environment that you have experienced.
4. Describe some differences between classroom learning and apprenticeship?

### MEDITATION – READ MATTHEW 5-7 PRIOR TO DISCUSSION

5. When considering the sermon on the mount, (Matthew 5-7) how has your discipleship process prepared you to follow Christ?
6. How might an apprenticeship with Christ better equip you?
7. How has your understanding of what it means to be a Christian changed over your time following Jesus?
8. What role does the Spirit of God play in the way you live out your faith?

### ACTION – READ 2 PETER 1:1-11

We, as children of God, have potential unlimited access to God that is reliant on our oneness with Christ and our reliance on the Holy Spirit. "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." (2 Peter 1:3) And he is inviting all of us to be partakers of his divine nature that equips us to be like him in a confusing and hostile world. **Take heart!**

### Change

9. What is God asking of you?

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