

Can You Make a Difference?

Wide Angle – Part 6

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The Recipe for DIFFERENCE-Making... Is DISCIPLE-Making

Follow me...

-Jesus (Matthew 4:19)

Follow me as I follow Christ...

-Paul (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

-Peter (1 Peter 2:21)

A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. Luke 6:40

The DANGER of Following Jesus

- **It's UNCOMFORTABLE...**

Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered. Matthew 20:22

- **It's Going to COST...**

If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even life itself—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? Luke 14:26-28

- **It's Easy to Make into a METHOD of Salvation**

"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children

for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life." Luke 18:29-30

→ You Don't HAVE WHAT IT TAKES...

No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a sufficient ransom—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—so that someone should live on forever and not see decay. Psalm 50:7-9

→ But Jesus DOES...

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

The Difference Following Jesus Makes...

- **The PRESENCE of Salt**

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. Matthew 5:13

→ Salt PRESERVES...

→ Salt DISINFECTS...

→ Salt FLAVOURS...

- **The POWER of Light**

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

→ Light DEMONSTRATES...

→ Light RADIATES...