

GETTING STARTED

¹What’s the most difficult thing you’ve attempted and accomplished? How did you feel at the end?

This week we’re looking at the difficult but rewarding task of discipleship. Scripture never promises an easy time following Jesus, but it does make it clear that exchanging obedience to the Savior for worldly comfort is a cheap trade.

WE WANT TO:

- Recognize that discipleship is about advancing the kingdom of God.
- Feel confidence in our acceptance through Jesus.
- Work at bearing fruit in keeping with our discipleship.

READ

Mark 3:7–4:34

**WATCH: THE GOSPEL OF MARK
SESSION 4** ▶

DISCUSS

²Based on Mark 3:7–19, what distinguishes the disciples from the crowds following Jesus?

³Think about Francis’s words concerning those following Jesus: Which group does your life reflect—the crowds or the disciples? Why?

⁴What lessons can you take away from Jesus’s parable of the sower? What soils has your life reflected in the past?

⁵What’s one thing you can surrender to Jesus this week to better embrace his call on your life?

CONCLUDE

Following Jesus entails more than simply being a fan of his teaching. It means letting the cares of the world and the priorities of self-centeredness fall away.

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