



## **We Are... Followers**

***Matthew 16:24–25*** <sup>24</sup> ***Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and \_\_\_\_\_ me.*** <sup>25</sup> ***For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.***

**Jesus calls for \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.**

As much as any word in the Bible, the word life encapsulates the longings we feel – desires like satisfaction, purpose, \_\_\_\_\_, identity, and love.

Why would Jesus tell us there’s a way for us to really have life if we weren’t supposed to long for life? But it doesn’t come by just being a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **can be on the team.**

Our \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t too much for Jesus to forgive. Our weaknesses are not greater than His strength.

**Followers pursue \_\_\_\_\_ not rules. (Eph. 1:17)**

**Followers are \_\_\_\_\_.**

There is a deep commitment to following Jesus. We should understand that. The \_\_\_\_\_ in life require commitment.

**Followers are always \_\_\_\_\_.** (Lk. 9:23)

In Jesus we are “born again,” and we begin a journey where He expects growth to happen as we \_\_\_\_\_ follow Him.

If we are not changing and becoming more like Jesus, it says something is desperately wrong. We are either spiritually very unhealthy or we aren’t really a follower; we’re just a \_\_\_\_\_.