



FIND AND FOLLOW

Week 4

BREAKING THE ICE

1. Now that October is here, share one of your favorite fall traditions!
2. What is your most dreaded house or yard chore and why?

MAIN CONTENT

In week four of our “Find & Follow” series, Pastor Kevin talks about making Jesus’ last commandment our first priority.

He shared an anecdote about going on a trip and asking his kids to pull the weeds while he’s gone. When he returns he finds that the weeds have not been pulled. When he asks his kids about it, they reply that they did all kinds of things that were related – they researched, they gathered friends to talk about it, they memorized what their dad had told them, they read books about pulling weeds, etc., but they never actually did the thing their father asked them to do. To pull the weeds!

1. What sort of tasks do you put off or never complete, and what sort do you do eagerly?
2. Do you ever feel like it’s easier to learn about what Jesus asked us to do than to actually do what He asked? Why do you think that is?

Pastor Kevin also told us about going to a Titans game and looking at everyone in the stadium below. He was reminded that when God looks at all those people, this whole city, and the entire world, He thinks “Mine. This is Mine.” The mission that He invites us into is to help all those people find and follow Jesus.

3. Can you think of a time when someone helped you “find Jesus” or “follow Jesus”?
4. Have you had that opportunity to help someone else find and/or follow Jesus?

(Read Matthew 28:18-20)

In verse 18, Jesus says “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” That authority is power over nature and nations, disease and demons, darkness and death, sin and fear – everything.

5. Why do you think Jesus wanted to tell His disciples that He had all authority, right before giving the Great Commission to them?

Further on in Matthew 28:20, Jesus says “And remember, I am with you each and every day until the end of the age.” He wants to remind His disciples that, even though He’s about to leave, He’ll be sending His Holy Spirit to be with them. That means we too have the Holy Spirit in us who makes us able to comfort, guide, empower, teach, etc.

6. Do you ever find yourself forgetting that, as a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is with you always?

7. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life change the way you feel about the mission Jesus has given you?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you that you have all the authority in the world, and in our own lives. Thank you that you sent your Holy Spirit to each one of us, your people, that you might be with us always and forever. Help us overcome the temptation to merely learn about your mission, and to instead, actually step into action. We can’t do it on our own, but with you, Anything’s Possible. Amen.

ACTION STEP

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for one step in how He wants you to step into the Great Commission this week. Then write it down and make a plan to do exactly that!
- Reach out to five friends/family members/co-workers who don’t follow Jesus. Use it as an opportunity to help them find and/or follow Jesus in some way. Find a friend who wants to be on this mission as well, and make a plan to hold each other accountable.
- Listen to the final week of the Find & Follow Podcast on the Cross Point Podcast channel: crosspoint.tv/podcasts