

When the Rabbi Says “Come”

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1. What was unique about the Jews who lived in Galilee?

In what ways did the things they were passionate about differ from the driving passions of people who lived in Scythopolis (Beth Shean)?

2. What impact do you think the Galileans’ understanding of community had on the ways they practiced their faith in everyday life?

3. What was the central focus of worship in the synagogues of Galilee in Jesus’ day?

What effect did their love for the words of God have on daily life in Galilee?

4. When Christians today talk about being a *disciple*, we don’t mean exactly the same thing as the Galileans of Jesus’ day. Discipleship was a core value in Galilean society. In fact, Galilee was where the world came to be disciples of the great rabbis. What did discipleship mean in the world of Jesus? Matthew 4:18-22; 10:24-25; John 8:31; 1 Corinthians 11:1; I John 2:3-6.

5. Discipleship begins with belief, but that is only the beginning. A disciple obeys the Rabbi’s teaching. A Christian disciple not only believes Jesus is the Messiah but also is passionately devoted to doing what the Rabbi (Jesus) commands.

What do the following verses reveal about the three building blocks of discipleship – obedience, community, the Word of God? See Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Matthew 5:17-19; 9:35-36; Acts 16:5; Ephesians 2:19-22; Acts 4:13.

6. When large crowds began following Jesus, he spoke to them about what it means to be his disciple. How did he describe discipleship, and why do you think he said these things? See Luke 14:27-33.

7. What role does community play in your walk with Jesus? Which aspects of spiritual community in Chorazin might you want to incorporate into your life?

8. Consider the following verses: Luke 11:28; Luke 2:52; John 15:14-15; I John 2:3-6. What areas of your life would the Holy Spirit have you grow in your walk with Jesus?