

Source 2026 Week 3: True Faith: How Jesus Defines Discipleship

Let Jesus Define Faith

Luke 9 and the “Hand to the Plow” Test

- **Luke 9:57–62:**
- **You don’t plow with one hand while turning your head behind you.**
- **You can’t move forward while constantly looking back.**
- **They want the blessing of proximity to Jesus, but not the engagement in the mission of Jesus.**
- **They want Jesus with no strings attached.**
- **Faith is personal, but not private.**
- **Jesus saves individuals and plants them into a people.**
- **ekklesia (ἐκκλησία) - church, assembly, congregation**
In the New Testament, the term can refer to a local or universal body of Christians.
- **Biblically, you’re not “the church” all by yourself—you’re a member of the body (1 Corinthians 12:12–27). We are the church.**
- **Real discipleship is shoulder-to-shoulder—on mission through the local church.**

Jesus and the Friction He Creates (Even in Families)

- **Matthew 10:21–22**
- **Matthew 10:37:**
- **Matthew 10:38:**
 - **God can have what’s left over.**
 - **Jesus is a piece of our life, not the center.**
 - **Real faith doesn’t work like that.**
 - **Real faith integrates family life and spiritual life. It doesn’t separate them.**

Matthew 16 and the Cross That Offends Us

- **Matthew 16:15**
- **Matthew 16:16**
- **Matthew 16:17**
- **Matthew 16:21**
- **Matthew 16:22**
- **Matthew 16:23**
- **Hebrews 2:17–18**
- **Matthew 16:24–25**
 - You cannot follow me and stay in charge.
 - Will I follow?

John 6 and the Followers Who Walk Away

- **John 6:53**
- **John 6:54–56**
- **John 6:60**
- **John 6:66**
- **John 6:67–69**