



# Follow

## Part 1\_Overview

JOY! CHURCH | 2-5-23  
WE LOVE YOU. YES, YOU

## Call to Action: Follow

### *Follow*

- Jesus, as Christ and King
  - Jesus, as Head
    - 4 Pillars: Scripture, Holy Spirit, One-Anotherness, Surrender*
  - Separate unto Him by separating into Him
  - Prioritize Body opportunities
  - Unearth valid prophecies, words of wisdom & knowledge
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## Matthew 13:44-46, 52 **Jesus speaking**

Heaven's kingdom realm can be illustrated like this:

A person discovered that there was hidden treasure in a field. Upon finding it, he hid it again. Because of uncovering such treasure, he was overjoyed and sold all that he possessed to buy the entire field just so he could have the treasure.

45 "Heaven's kingdom realm is also like a jewel merchant in search of rare pearls.

46 When he discovered one very precious and exquisite pearl, he immediately gave up all he had in exchange for it."

52 Every scholar of the Scriptures, who is instructed in the ways of heaven's kingdom realm, is like a wealthy homeowner with his house filled with treasures both new and old. And he knows how and when to bring them out to show others

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## John 1:14

## Treasure found

KJV. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

ESV. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

NIV. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

TPT. And so the Living Expression became a man and lived among us! And we gazed upon the splendor of his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father overflowing with tender mercy and truth!

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## The Prize

The presence of

# Jesus

Treasure beyond compare

## The Outcomes

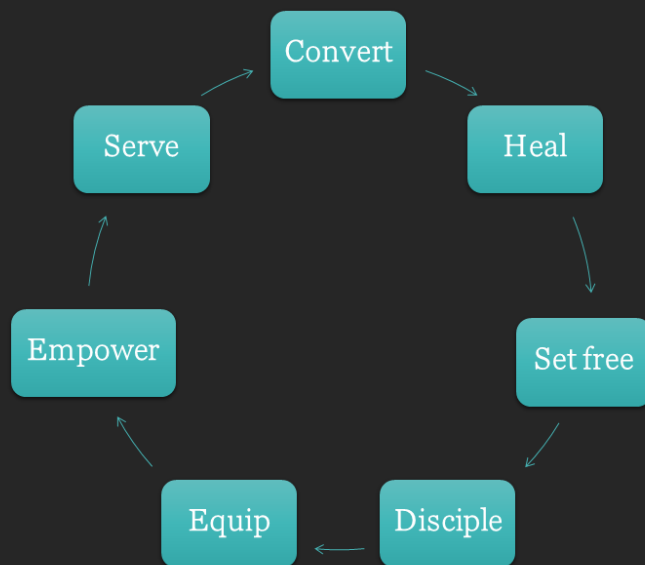
- Intimacy with God
- Joy unspeakable
- Peace unshakable
- Freedom unlocked & unchained
- Identity realized
- Authority over all evil
- Power from on high
- Purpose and destiny, lived out

## Fellow humans who followed

- Moses, No-Way Yahweh
- Gideon The Timid
- Jonah The Runaway
- Isaiah The Crude and Uncouth
- Jeremiah The Weeper
- Ezekiel The Hider
- Zechariah The Impotent
- Peter The Leaden and Artless
- Thomas The Skeptic
- Ananias The Hesitant
- Timothy The Obtuse
- John P The Stone Thrower

# Disciple cycle

- Ongoing, Continuous
- Holy Spirit, what are You saying?
- What do You desire I
  - Convert (pledge allegiance)
  - Heal
  - Set free
  - Disciple
  - Equip
  - Empower
  - Ready me to serve



## The Word did not become

a belief, a conviction, a feeling, a spirituality, a concept, a philosophy, a moral code, a religion, a set of principles, a political group, a candidate, a cause, a dividing line, an experience, an organization, an ism, an ology, a code or even a book!

## The Word became

flesh, the Living Expression of God, surrounding and among us.  
a God-man hanging on a cross contending for our highest possible good.

**Jesus + nothing = everything**

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# Follow

A deeper revelation of Christ  
Let's dive in together

NEXT WEEK: HOLY SPIRIT  
OUR GUIDE & OUTFITTER