Sermon Handout: Made__. Week 2

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Made to Follow Jesus By Paul Webster

Main Points:

1. **A Disciple Believes and Trusts:** Jesus calls His disciples to come and see. True disciples leave the ranks of the curious and the opposers to follow Jesus.

2. **A Disciple Loves and Obeys:** Following Jesus closely requires discipline. Jesus taught His disciples intimately and corrected them when necessary.

3. **A Disciple Multiplies and Serves:** Jesus sent His disciples to make more disciples. The Great Commission from Jesus is to spread the Good News and make disciples of all nations.

4. **A Disciple Remains Faithful and Grows:** Jesus warned His disciples to remain faithful and be ready for His return.

Bottom Line: Follow and stay faithful to Jesus through life's mountain tops and valleys.

Application / Next Steps:

- Being a follower of Jesus isn't a spectator sport. Avoiding the challenges of faith can lead to spiritual stagnation in our lives. We must move from observation to active discipleship.
- Spend 10 minutes extra a day in prayer, seeking to grow closer to Jesus.
- Dive deeper into God's word with your small group. If you're not part of a group now, you can join in with Rooted starting September 4.
- Find accountability with your group or a trusted friend to help you walk in obedience.
- Seek a spiritual mentor. If you've been faithfully following Jesus for a while, consider mentoring others.
- Serve out of gratitude for all that Christ has done for you.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be a true disciple of Jesus?

2. How can we show our love and obedience to Jesus in our daily lives?

3. In what ways can we help multiply disciples and serve others?

4. How can we remain faithful and grow in our relationship with Jesus, especially during difficult times?

5. Where do you find yourself right now—on the mountaintop or in the valley? How can you recognize God's work in your life in this season?

Scripture References: Matthew 16:24–27; Matthew 23:8–12; Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 3:13–19; Mark 8:34–38; Luke 6:39–42; Luke 24:44–49; John 14:12–14; Acts 2:41–47; 2 Timothy 2:1–2

Remember: We are made to follow Jesus, to remain in Him through life's mountain tops and valleys. No matter where you find yourself in life's journey, there is another step to take closer to Jesus.



Join us next week as we look at how we are made to serve God and others. For more study materials, daily devotions & more scan the QR code or go to <u>www.centrallive.net/sermons</u>.