

The Life of a Disciple  
**“Living With Assurance of Salvation”**

**Everyone Needs a Role Model**

My most important search in life:

*Finding someone who could tell me the meaning of life and what I should do to make the most of it.*

**“Life Groups” and Becoming a Disciple of Jesus**

Last Week: The Cost of Discipleship as Taught by Jesus:

- Jesus as our most important relationship in life (Luke 14:26)
- Jesus as worth the loss of life itself (Luke 14:27)
- Jesus as a long-term investment in transformation (Luke 14:28f)
- Jesus as a King leading us into a battle (Luke 14:31-33)
- Jesus as a King who makes our life relevant. (Luke 14:34-35)

**Disciples of Jesus seek  
to know Him,  
be like Him,  
and to change lives like He did!**

**Disciples Want to Know the Heart of Jesus**

1. Jesus was totally committed to teaching and protecting those who follow Him.

**John 18:33-38**

**John 10:22-30**

*Sheep love and trust their shepherd (26)*

*Sheep hear and follow their shepherd's (27)*

*Sheep live security when they stay close to the shepherd (28)*

*God, the Father, is equally committed to the sheep (29-31)*

**Can We Share the Heart of Our Shepherd?**

2. Jesus gave one “New Commandment” to those who are committed to following Him.

**John 13:31-35**

*Jesus lived sacrificially for the sheep*

**John 13:12-15**

*Jesus got down and got dirty to serve the sheep*

**Can We Love and Serve Like Our Shepherd?**

3. Jesus taught there is only one way to make sure we are living a growing and productive life.

**John 15:1-5**

*Abiding involves daily “attentiveness” to Jesus*

*The life of abiding involves continual “pruning”*

**Can We Remain Attentive to Jesus when it involves the Pain of Pruning?**

**Thoughts on “Assurance of Salvation”**

- Listening to Jesus and following what He says is simple.
- Going where Jesus leads us is about what we are doing because of Him more than who we were without Him.
- Simple obedience means prioritizing what He told us to do and allowing Him to change us.  
(Romans 12:2; II Corinthians 3:17-18; I Peter 2:1-3)
- “Assurance” flows from staying close to the shepherd and going where He wants us to go.
- I need to ask myself if I am doing what Jesus told me to do.

**“Life Groups” are one opportunity. Visit the book table!**