

Part 3: Truly Following Jesus

## INTRODUCTION

This week, we continue to unpack the map of our spiritual journey, delving into what it looks like to find ourselves at trail marker #3. This is perhaps the greatest leap in our journey, the point where we are known both privately and publicly as a follower of Christ. This is the place where you commit to putting your faith in action.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. Have you ever felt the tension between the words you say about your faith and your actions/behavior?
- 2. Has anyone questioned your faith because of how you behaved? What impact did that have on you?
- 3. If you have been to trail marker #3 or if you are currently there, what kinds of activities did you participate in as you became more public with your faith? What impact did/does these activities have on you and your faith?
- 4. Have you ever found yourself burned out by all the activities you did/do "for" God?
- 5. What do you think the difference is between working "for" God and "with" God? How might that play out in your life today?

## **THIS WEEK**

Thinking of where you are currently, consider these thoughts:

- Is Jesus asking you to turn away from old sins that are keeping you growing in your faith?
- Have you felt Jesus asking you to do specific things that will help you grow give, serve, pray?
- Do you feel like you're on the spiritual treadmill? What is He saying to you about that?

"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

Luke 9:23-24