

Jesus Followers: Obey God's Word

sermon notes

February 26, 2023

text: Matthew 5:21-37

Disciple = Follower

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Mark 10:16; Luke 10:25; Luke 18:18 (Matthew 19:16 a little different)

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **Psalm 23 NRSV**

Faith Community. "Body of Christ" (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:20 NRSV**

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! **Psalm 119:11 NKJV**

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105 NKJV

It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes. **Psalm 119:71 NRSV**

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. **Psalm 119:34 NRSV**

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ^{20f}for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ^{24f}for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. **James 1:19-24 NRSV**