



Digging Deeper

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Today our speaker challenged us to meet Jesus the Living Word in the pages of the Bible, the Written Word of God.

The invitation from Jesus to “follow Me” is to every follower of Jesus. He modeled true discipleship or follower-ship for us.

For further exploration, here are five characteristics of a mature disciple reflected in the life of Jesus throughout the Gospel of John.

Remaining	Obedience	Fruitfulness	Joy	Love
1:1-2 3:31-35 5:17-32, 37 6:29 6:37-40 6:46, 57 7:29 8:16, 19 8:54-59 10:25-38	2:13-16 4:34 6:38 8:26, 42 9:39	1:3 1:35ff 2:11, 23 4:7-31, 39 4:50 5:8 6:2-14 11:38-46	2:1-2 2:13 5:1	1:11, 14 3:1ff 4:1ff 8:1-11 9:1-7 10:11 11:35
A son's submission to a Father's commission	Prompt action to God's instructions	Display of both works and witness (cf. the "works" of 9:16)	Participation with others in the enjoyment of God and His gifts	Compassion demonstrated to people who are the "unlovely"