

The Pray More Advent Retreat

Inspiring talks to help you
prepare to celebrate the
birth of our Lord,
Jesus Christ



Jesus and the Call of Discipleship

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Reflective Questions

“Go and make disciples of all nations...
Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission!”

-- Pope Francis

- All Christians are called to be disciples and to follow one teacher: Jesus. One way that people used to be able to tell, and know, who a disciple was -- a good disciple -- was if that disciple was covered in the dust from his teacher's sandals. That meant he must have been walking so closely to the teacher. Now, it's a little different in our lives today -- we don't get to walk right behind Jesus, but we are still called to follow Him and to be just as close. Since we cannot have the actual dust of his sandals covering us, is there something else that we can do that will be a sign that we are His disciples? Do you, in particular, look like a disciple of Jesus Christ? Do the people around you know that you are a follower of Him?
- Sometimes, discipleship is as easy as remembering someone's name the second time you meet them, or inviting a friend to come to Mass with you, or introducing yourself to someone you've never seen before at church. Which of these things can you commit to doing at least one time this Advent?
- Each of us are truly called to discipleship, but have you listened to try to hear God's specific call of discipleship to you? Can you look back and see how God may have been asking you to follow Him all along? What have

been some signs in your life that He wanted you to follow Him?

- The second character that constitutes true discipleship is an act of following the calling. How have you been following Jesus? Do you follow pop-culture movies, TV, books more than you do Jesus? What can you put aside so that you're following Jesus, first and foremost?
- Jesus calls His disciples to cling to Him and to stay with Him. When was the last time you spent some time in adoration, or time in front of the tabernacle in prayer after Mass? Consider how you can spend just a few more minutes with Jesus this Advent.