

GO NEXT 6

(Acts 2:42; Matthew 28:18-20; John 8:31-32)

GO Church is traveling on a journey, paying close attention to certain indicators –**SIGNPOSTS**– to assure us that we are on the right track.

Recap of the GO NEXT Series:

- **Signpost #1: Everyone is welcome!** God wants everyone and so should you; Everyone means everyone, no fine prints; We are all responsible to make the Jesus community a welcoming place.
- **Signpost #2: Nobody is perfect, we are all growing-** we bear with one another, commitment to grow and commitment to accountability.
- Signpost #3: We uphold one another, we don't hold down or hold back anyone. The Jesus community is kind to one another, encouraging one another, fellowshipping together and praying for one another.
- Signpost #4: Generosity is a way of life
 - o Spiritual: Generosity is a spiritual thing that comes from the heart
 - Service: Generosity is a privilege
 - Love: Generosity is voluntary but must be done with consideration

Signpost #5: "We are passionate followers of Jesus"

- "Follower" is represented in scripture many times as "disciple". i.e. disciple is one that follows.
- The heartbeat of Jesus is not to raise believers, but to convert believers to disciples (followers)
- Matthew 28:18-28. In my mind, when we call Christian's believers, who think we water down what God had in mind about his people.
- Everyone that remains a believer limits the potential of what God has for them because believe only, makes you a professional spiritual baby. We look to God only for what He can provide, not what He can make of us and God is much more interested in making us.

The Characteristics of a Christ follower:

- 1. They are committed
- 2. They are learners
- 3. They are doers the crux of the matter

When you follow Jesus, the following will happen to you:

- 1. You will begin to mature. Maturity in this regard takes cognizance of your decisions (Hebrews 5:14).
- 2. You will begin to conform to the image of Christ speaks to fruitfulness (John 15:1-5).
 - What's in the mirror
- 3. You will begin to live with understanding (1 King 3:19)
 - What's in a language

