We are fellow travelers (the church)

Prov. 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ephesians 4:11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the believers for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 ...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and <u>become mature</u>, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Conclusion: We are called to follow Jesus

SERMONS WE SEE – Edgar Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way. The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear, Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear; And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

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Follow Me: a purposeful adventure

Matt. 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Follow Me: accept the adventure 1. Follow Me: as a disciple, a learner, a doer

Luke 9:23 Whoever wants to be <u>my disciple</u> must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and <u>follow me</u>. "Disciple"

Mark 3:14 He appointed twelve that they might <u>be with</u> <u>him</u> and that he might send them out to preach...

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Matthew 11:28 "<u>Come to me</u>, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

2. Follow Me: Loving like Jesus loves

Matt. 22:37-40 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and great commandment, and a second is, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments stand all the law and prophets.

• Loving God:

Mark 1:35 In the morning, a great while before day, Jesus went to an isolated place and prayed.

I John 2:5 But if <u>anyone obeys his word, love for God is</u> <u>truly made complete</u> in them. This is how we know we are in him.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

• Loving people:

John 13:34 A new commandment I give you that you love one another as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.

■ John 13:1 Having loved his own who were in the world, <u>he</u> ■ <u>loved them to the end</u>.

3. Follow Me: reaching people, teaching people

Matthew 4:19 Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well.

2 Corinthians 5:18 ... God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

4. Follow Me: becoming Christ-like

Matthew 6:33 But <u>seek first</u> His kingdom and <u>His</u> <u>righteousness</u>, and all these things will be yours as well.

■ Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to <u>put off your old self</u>, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to <u>put on the new self</u>, <u>created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness</u>.

⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.