

# Is He Worthy To Be Followed?

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Dwelling Place Church  
Vision: Manifesting Christ in  
Many Ways to Many People

Luke 14:25-33 CSB

A plain reading is a reading that has no salt. The plain reading is often wrong.

“Scripture is like a house filled with lock rooms. There is a key outside every locked door, but the key does not go to the door nearest it.” – Origen

God is not at the top of a priority list. God is at the heart of everything and everyone in your priority list.

Philemon 1:1-2 CSB – Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother: To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, 2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets in your home.

“Jesus has captured me, therefore, I am free.”

Philemon 1:15-16 CSB – For perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a brief time, so that you might get him back permanently, 16 no longer as a slave, but more than a slave—as a dearly loved brother. He is especially so to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

“The Cost of Discipleship”

We are going to have separations in our life, but all of them are for a full and final reconciliation in the future.

“Those who follow Jesus become their own graves and their own monuments.” – Origen

We need the clarity of the word of the Lord to go into the future God wants us to live.

Your enemy is never as big as it wants you to fear that it is.

Stigma #1: We MISREPRESENT what mental illness is.

Stigma #2: We think mental illness is only a MODERN issue.

Stigma #3: We don't approach mental health HOLISTICALLY.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV – Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

## 1) God is present in your struggle.

Psalm 139:7-12 NASB

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT – Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

## 2) God works through miracles and medicine.

Isaiah 38:21 NLT – Isaiah had said to Hezekiah's servants, “Make an ointment from figs and spread it over the boil, and Hezekiah will recover.”

## 3) God's calling for your life has not been lost.

Romans 11:29 AMP – For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable [for He does not withdraw what He has given, nor does He change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call].

# WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at [dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com](mailto:dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com).

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

## GATHER

***Sunday December 4th - 18th -  
9a + 11a Is He Worthy? Why  
Following Jesus Closely Matters  
More Than Anything***

What do we mean when we say Jesus is worthy? It's a term we use commonly in our worship, and for good reason. But what exactly do we mean? Jesus is valuable. We worship Jesus because we have discovered Him to be the most valuable thing that life has to offer. He ransomed us from sin. He restored us to the Father. He satisfies every longing of our hearts. Jesus is qualified. He has the credentials to be the sovereign Lord of all the universe. Jesus is deserving. He is infinitely deserving of everything we have to offer. All praise. All energy. All attention. Every fabric of our being. For all things are from Him, and through Him, and to Him. Join us all month long as we answer the question, "Is He Worthy?"

***Christmas Day - One Combined  
Gathering at 11am!***

***Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Gathering- Saturday, December  
24 - 3p & 4:30p***

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

## GROW

***Thursday, January 12  
7p - 9p Launch of our Winter  
Session of Growth Phases***

Sign up now at the Next Steps table in the lobby to join us for our Winter Session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

## GROUP

***Sunday, January 1 - Launch of  
Spring 2023 Connect Groups***

Connect Group will be meeting all over the community January 1st! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

## GIVE

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

## GO

***Be on the lookout for more  
opportunities to serve our  
community in the upcoming  
weeks!***