



#3 Where is He Taking Us?

1. Become a disciple of Jesus Christ

A. A clear **CALL**

Matthew 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

B. A high **BAR**

Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

Luke 14:25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

C. Count the **COST!**

Disciples are believers who increasingly treasure Jesus and His Gospel above all else.

2. Help others become disciples of Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

3. Remember where others are coming from

Praying for Lost Prodigals	Praying for Lost Pharisees
Ask The Father to parent them and to help you not become bitter	Pray that they will hear this story
Pray for the grace to let them go and a willingness to endure for as long as it takes	Pray that God will orchestrate incidents that prompt self-reflection
Pray for 'famine' to come to them	Pray that God will expose their self-righteousness and puncture their pride
Pray for holy hunger and holy homesickness to invade their soul	Pray that the Spirit will open their eyes to see that their 'good behavior' isn't good enough for God
Pray they would come to their senses and be given the gift of repentance	Pray that they will understand what they really deserve and their need for Jesus
Pray they will be granted the ability to receive the grace of God	Pray that they will admit that they are as lost as prodigals
Pray for 'welcoming love' and the Lord to pour out His riches when they return	Pray that they will feel the Father's love and hear Him summoning them home

Adapted from "Praying for Your Children" by Elmer Towns and Dave Earley

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Ephesians 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Colossians 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Colossians 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Colossians 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Colossians 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Colossians 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Colossians 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Colossians 3 |