

A SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON THE MANDATE  
AND URGENCY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is shown from behind, looking out over a city street at sunset. The background is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun and blurred city lights, creating a bokeh effect. The person's hair is slightly messy, and they appear to be wearing a dark jacket.

# GO, THEREFORE...

FROM THE MESSAGES OF ADRIAN ROGERS





# Guide to Studying Your Bible

FIVE SIMPLE STEPS FROM PASTOR ADRIAN ROGERS



## PRAY OVER IT

**Begin with prayer.** Ask for God's cleansing and the ability to receive what He wants to teach you.

## PONDER IT

What did it mean **then**?  
What does it mean **now**?  
What does it mean **to me**?



## PUT IT IN WRITING

Write down what **the Holy Spirit is revealing** to you.

## PRACTICE IT

Find ways you can **incorporate the truths** you've just been shown into your own life.



## PROCLAIM IT

Contemplate ways to **share the knowledge** God has given you.

# 6 QUESTIONS

TO ASK YOURSELF WHILE READING SCRIPTURE

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a lesson to learn?

Is there a blessing to enjoy?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a new thought to carry with me?



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## INTRODUCTION

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# GO, THEREFORE...

The world we live in can be a confusing place for those of us who have placed our faith in Jesus. We have worked to build a relationship with Jesus through studying the Scriptures. We pray and worship, and we've experienced His powerful presence through the Holy Spirit. We live with the anticipation that nothing on Earth will ever compare to the hope of Heaven that awaits those who have been redeemed. So why is it so difficult to share that life-changing hope with others?

For many, it's because we have seen how hostile the world can be for Christians, and it takes a lot of vulnerability to share your faith. But God's Word is full of encouragement and instructions for how to be the ambassadors He has called us to be. He does not send us without the tools we need. He has called us to be witnesses, not lawyers. He has equipped us with the truth of His Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He has taught us how to engage with skeptics, counterfeits, and hypocrites. He has given us biblical tools to heal broken relationships in a way that brings peace and harmony instead of conflict.

Disciples are people who learn from their teacher, their master, and then become like that master, so the more we study how Jesus reached others, the more we will be able to do the same. Jesus never watered down the Gospel message, and neither should we. The Apostle Paul endured much to spread the Gospel, but he remained motivated in spite of his circumstances. He looked forward to heavenly rewards for the obedient and faithful, and he longed to hear from his beloved Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We should want the same as we learn to share our faith.

### WANT MORE?

The audio messages by Pastor Adrian Rogers from which this study is derived are linked using the QR code on page 86 at the end of this study.



If I had a thousand lives,  
I'd give them all to Jesus.

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## WEEK 1

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# HOW TO BE A FULLY COMMITTED DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

### ■ INTRODUCTION

People have different ideas about what discipleship means. The Greek word for “disciple” means “learner.” If a disciple is a learner, then you can be a disciple of anyone. To be a disciple of Jesus is to let Jesus teach you. Disciples are people who learn from their teacher or master and then become like that teacher.

Jesus said, “Come to Me,” and then He said, “Follow Me.”

**“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).**

**Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Matthew 16:24).**

If you want to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, you should know that it isn’t easy. Salvation is free, but discipleship is costly. It costs to serve Jesus every day and every step of the way.

Many of us don’t want to pay the price of true discipleship. But Jesus was clear from the beginning about what He expected of those who chose to follow Him. This week, we will study how to be a fully committed disciple of Jesus Christ.

### ■ PRAY OVER IT

*Dear God, I want to be a disciple of Jesus, no matter the cost. I know that it will not always be easy, but I want to live my life for Him. Show me this week what I need to do to follow Jesus even more closely. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



## DAY 1

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# NO FINE PRINT

### ■ PONDER IT

Crowds followed Jesus. At the zenith of His ministry and popularity, many people clamored after Him. But He didn't do a sensational miracle or water down His teaching with user-friendly evangelism. Surprisingly, He thinned out the crowd. Instead of giving them more of what they wanted, He said something that seemed shocking.

**“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26).**

With Jesus Christ, there's no fine print in His contract. He's not mislabeling it or setting up a bait and switch. He's not looking for easy followers. Many times today, in our churches, we have watered down the Gospel message in an attempt to gain more followers. Jesus never did that, nor should we. When you follow Jesus, He's not inviting you to share in His popularity but rather His unpopularity.

The bitterness of poor quality lingers long after the sweetness of cheap price has been forgotten. When you buy something on sale that isn't any good, you don't want it. But if you pay a price for something, you don't forget the price. You believe it was worth it. There's no cheap discipleship.

Some won't pay the price. Some people would give up following Jesus before they would give up a new refrigerator. Some people think they've done God a great favor when they go to church on Sunday morning, and they call that serving the Lord. Your church is happy to see you, but serving the Lord goes far beyond that and costs much more.

■ **PUT IT IN WRITING**

- Are you willing to share in Jesus' unpopularity? Why is following Jesus unpopular?
- What price have you paid to follow Jesus? What has your discipleship cost you?

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It costs to serve Jesus every  
day. But it is worth it.

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## DAY 2

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# WORSHIP AT ANY COST

### ■ PONDER IT

Four sacrifices define a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The first is that **true disciples will worship at any cost**. Their relationship with Christ comes first.

**“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26).**

*Jesus Christ comes before personal relationships.* Jesus teaches us to love others, and the Bible commands us to honor our father and mother. In fact, when you love Jesus, you will love your parents, your spouse, and your children more. The word “hate” is used as a hyperbolic biblical comparison.

**“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24).**

*Jesus Christ comes before personal reputation.* As a Christian, you have to take yourself off the throne and enthrone Jesus Christ. In many modern churches today, the theme is self-fulfillment or self-actualization. Our churches have become a cafeteria line, where we pick up things that will make us feel better about ourselves. It’s important to have a healthy self-image, but if anything comes between you and Jesus, you must say no to yourself and yes to Jesus Christ. A true disciple is to put Jesus first, before personal reputation and fulfillment.

**“And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:27).**

*Jesus Christ comes before personal realization.* A cross is something that you willingly take up. You don't have to bear it. To follow Jesus means being a worshiper who worships at any cost, above the cost of personal realization.

**“No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father” (John 10:18).**

Dr. A.W. Tozer explained that people who are crucified with Christ have three distinct marks: they are facing only one direction, they can never turn back, and they no longer have plans of their own.

When you gave your heart to Jesus Christ and vowed to take up your cross, you made the last legitimate, independent decision you'll ever make. Taking up your cross means you have no further plans of your own. Your life belongs to Jesus Christ. You're not your own. You're bought with a price. A disciple of Jesus Christ worships at any cost.

#### ■ PUT IT IN WRITING

- Do you love Jesus Christ more than personal relationships? What relationships pull you away from Him?
- Are you willing to trust God with your reputation? What does it look like to seek God more than seeking your personal fulfillment?
- Can you say that you are crucified with Christ? What areas of your life have you willingly surrendered to Him?

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A cross is not a thing of beauty.  
A cross is a thing ultimately  
of shame and reproach.

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## DAY 3

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# WORK AT ANY COST

### ■ PONDER IT

Secondly, **true disciples will work at any cost.** In Jesus' day, a tower would be built in the middle of the vineyard to protect the vineyard. It was there for fruitfulness.

**“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish?’” (Luke 14:28-30).**

God wants our lives to be like towers. He spoke first of crucifixion and then of construction because it's not all negative; it's actually very positive. Our Lord has called us to build. He has a plan for your life, and it is to be constructed by His plan. The tower is to be spiritually conceived. When Pastor Rogers was a child, he wanted to be a lawyer or an architect, but he laid those ambitions aside because God called him to preach. He became a witness for the Gospel and a builder of God's people.

Jesus told people to count the cost. If you want to be a disciple, you need to count the cost. If you're looking for a cheap, easy, or lazy way, forget it. This tower must be spiritually conceived, sacrificially constructed, and steadfastly completed. You have to count the cost so that you can finish the job.

In America today, many “half-built towers” cause others to laugh and mock Christianity. Some people have claimed to be called to the ministry, but they're no longer in the ministry. Some who are called to be deacons are no longer serving as deacons. Some who are called to be Sunday School teachers no longer teach that class full of children needing a teacher's love and direction. Some people used to tithe, but now they don't. Some people used to be Bible students, but they've stopped studying God's Word. Some used to be prayer warriors, but

today they're half-built towers. They have not finished the task given to them.

**Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:59-62).**

A disciple is a worshiper who will worship at any cost and a worker who will build at any cost. Disciples will not back away. They will not stop.

#### ■ PUT IT IN WRITING

- What is God calling you to build? In what area has He called you to serve?
- Have you continued the work you were given to do? If not, what caused you to give up?

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If you're looking for a cheap,  
easy, or lazy way, forget it.

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## WAR AT ANY COST

### ■ PONDER IT

Third, **true disciples will war at any cost.** When you follow the Lord Jesus Christ, you follow Him into battle. A war is going on, and it's a fight to the death.

**“Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:31-33).**

Jesus spoke first of crucifixion, then of construction, and finally of conflict—a war. You're either on one side or the other; you cannot be neutral. If you look at the odds, we're outnumbered. We're the Master's minority. In the rhetorical question that Jesus asks, the scenario is ten thousand against twenty thousand. But the favor is still on our side; if God is for us, who can be against us? (See Romans 8:31.) We need warriors who are not cowards—brave warriors who are willing to go into battle.

Many of us say we'll go, but we want to get out unscarred and uncriticized. Many people won't witness for the Lord Jesus Christ in their offices because they're afraid it may not be politically correct. We need warrior disciples who won't cower or compromise.

If you don't count the cost before the battle, when the battle gets thick, you'll send out an ambassador to make peace with the enemy. Our enemy is the devil. We can't negotiate with the devil. We can't appease him, buy him off, or come to some sort of standoff with the devil.

General Douglas MacArthur said, “In war, there is no substitute for victory.” It is the same in this life. There is no substitute for victory over the devil. If you try to create a peace treaty with the devil, he’s going to beat you. Either you’ll get him, or he’ll get you, but there’s no such thing as neutrality. We need disciples who aren’t cowards. We need disciples who aren’t compromisers who try to make peace at all costs. We need disciples who aren’t cautious. When you go into battle, you have to go in with all of your heart and soul.

The Lord doesn’t want prominence in your life. He deserves and demands preeminence. If He doesn’t have everything you have, if there’s any part of your life that is out of bounds, or if there’s anything you want Him to keep His hands off, you cannot be His disciple. It costs to serve Jesus. It costs every day. It costs every step of the way.

True disciples worship at any cost: Take up your cross. True disciples work at any cost: Take up your tools. True disciples war at any cost: Take up your sword. Our Lord cannot use cowards or compromisers. He cannot use cautious people. We need a reckless, burning, blazing, emotional, passionate love for Jesus Christ to be true disciples.

#### ■ PUT IT IN WRITING

- Are you backing down from a battle the Lord has called you to fight? How have you tried to keep the peace and remain neutral?
- Is there any area of your life that you have not fully given to God? What can you do to surrender that area to God today?

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It costs to serve Jesus. It costs every day. It costs every step of the way.

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## DAY 5

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# WITNESS AT ANY COST

### ■ PONDER IT

Finally, **true disciples will witness at any cost.** Jesus calls us to be salt in the world:

**“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Luke 14:34-35).**

Jesus knew that some people would not listen to this. Some people don't like to hear or read messages like this. They want to feel good, to be praised and flattered. They don't want to be challenged.

Jesus spoke about crucifixion, construction, and conflict. Now He gives a commission: to be salt. We are the salt of the Earth. Salt speaks of witness and testimony. Salt can teach us five things about how to live in the world as a disciple of Christ:

*Salt preserves.* Jesus called fishermen to follow Him, and they understood the importance of salt. They couldn't refrigerate their fish, so they salted down their fish to preserve them.

The world is in a moral meltdown. Families are unraveling; standards are lower. The entertainment industry has reached the bottom of the garbage pail. It's like a sewer has broken. We need something to decontaminate our land. The world needs the preserving salt of Jesus Christ. The problem is not the drug dealer, the pornographer, Hollywood, or the liberal theologian; the problem is saltless saints—people who are not true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Salt seasons.* Consider whether there's zest about your life. Do your neighbors see something different about you? Are you a bland and tasteless person with no joy, passion, or delight in your life? If people don't see a change in you, they won't want to be like you. They won't want your faith.

**Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one (Colossians 4:6).**

*Salt heals.* Salt is an antiseptic, and our world is sick. The saving Gospel of Jesus Christ heals broken hearts, broken hopes, and broken homes. Our world needs salty saints.

*Salt stings.* If you rub salt into an open wound, it burns. If there's no irritation, then it's lost its saltiness. A biblical worldview irritates some people. We need to stop trying to win popularity contests because not everybody loves followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus said that the disciple is not better than his master. (See Matthew 10.) If you're salty, you will be an irritant who goes against the culture of the world.

*Salt penetrates.* You can put just a pinch of salt in a jug of water, and the whole jug will become salty. It permeates everything you put it in.

The Church needs to salt the Earth. Christians go to church and salt the salt. Jesus didn't say we were the salt of the Church. We should be separate from sinners but not isolated from sinners. Jesus was a friend of sinners. We need to get out of the saltshaker. We need to get out in our communities as genuine disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### ■ PUT IT IN WRITING

- Have you lost your saltiness? Which one of the five points challenges you the most?
- In what ways are you involved in your community outside of church?

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Our world needs salty saints.

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# DON'T LOSE YOUR SALTINESS

## ■ PRACTICE IT

Sometimes, salt becomes highly concentrated in its environment, and it can become dangerous. It becomes poisonous and pollutes the environment. When salt reaches this point, it's no longer useful.

**“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Luke 14:34-35).**

They put salt on the roads because it would pack down and absorb moisture. The weeds wouldn't even grow in it. So it was trampled or thrown out.

It's open season on Christians. Christians are made fun of in modern media. We're laughed at, ridiculed, overlooked, and lampooned because we've lost our saltiness. People walk all over us.

To see the name of Jesus Christ lifted up, we must be true disciples who worship at any cost, work at any cost, war at any cost, and witness at any cost.

To be fulfilled, every person needs something to believe in, someone to love, and some cause to serve. That's Jesus! Believe Him. Love Him. Decide to be a fully committed disciple of Jesus Christ.

If you've never given your heart to Jesus Christ, do it today. Pray and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart. Salvation is free. There's a lot to learn, but there's nothing to earn. You can, right now, become as saved as the Apostle Paul just by receiving Christ as your personal Savior and Lord.

If you're not saved, pray something like this from your heart:

*Dear God, I need You, and I want You. Jesus, You died to save me and promised to save me if I would trust You. Come into*

*my heart. Forgive my sin. I turn from my sin. Cleanse me and save me. Amen.*

■ **PROCLAIM IT**

If you prayed to receive Christ, please share your decision with another Christian you know or with your pastor. We would also like to hear about it, so that we can provide you with free resources to help you grow in your new faith. Please let us know by going to [lwf.org/discover-jesus](http://lwf.org/discover-jesus), scrolling down the page, and clicking on *I BELIEVE*.

Spend some time considering whether you are a true disciple and count the cost of true discipleship. Confess any areas of failure and ask God to help you grow as you follow Him. Ask Him to give you the opportunity to share with someone else what you have learned.

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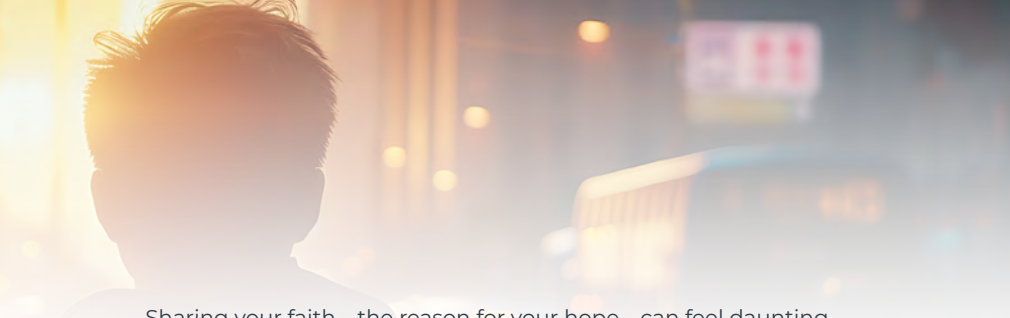
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This study addresses how to overcome the stumbling blocks that have kept you paralyzed when it comes to sharing your faith. As a fully committed disciple of Jesus Christ, this study equips you to handle the toughest parts of sharing your faith. How should you answer a skeptic? How can you spot counterfeit teachings? How does God handle hypocrites? How can you heal broken relationships? The cost is great, but our love for Christ compels us to share our faith.



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