

ARE WE SPECTATORS OR PARTICIPANTS

Lesson Four: "How to Follow"

1. The most basic invitation to Men and Women from Jesus is to **FOLLOW**
Matt 4:19; Matt. ; 8 Matt 9 ; Matt 10; John10; 1 Cor. 11 ; 1 Peter 2:21

2. It begins with being a good follower of our **SHEPHERDS.**

(Heb 13:7 ; (Heb 13:17); (1 Peter 5:5)

- A. Humility
- B. The assumption of the best (1 Tim 5:19)."
- C. Sincere Listening
- D. The gift of submission
- E. The gift of joy)

3. Remember we are a congregation of servant-leaders and **SERVANT FOLLOWERS**

Principle One: As the situation varies the leaders and followers in the church vary.

Principle Two: We are not in a power struggle with each other; we are a family on a common mission to a common destination... "To go to heaven and take as many with us as possible."

4. Jesus told us we can learn important lessons from the **BIRDS OF THE AIR** (Matt 6:26).

Lessons from Flying in Formation:

Fact 1: People who share a common direction get there quicker and easier because they are traveling with the thrust of one.

Fact 2: If we are wise, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same direction and be willing to accept the help of others as needed.

Fact 3: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and to share leadership.

Fact 4: In groups where there is encouragement there is much greater productivity.

Fact 5 It is important to stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.