

**The Art of**  
**Neighboring**

*gospel-driven*



*Are people who call themselves  
Christians really Christian?*

*What makes a Christian look  
different from the world?*

# *People saved by Christ, follow Christ.*

- I. Following Christ is **costly**
- II. Following Christ is a **calling**
- III. Following Christ is **confirmation**

# Following Christ is **costly**

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” (Lk 9:57)

*What did he mean?*

*What do you mean?*

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# Following Christ is **costly**

And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Lk 9:58-62)

Following Christ is a **calling**

After this *the Lord appointed* seventy-two...  
(Lk 10:1, italics added)

Christ appointed not self-appointed.

With a particular aim - the harvest!

# Following Christ is a **calling**

*What does that work look like?*

- Heal the sick, tell of the kingdom... *the art of neighboring.*
- commissioned.
- rejection.

# Following Christ is a **calling**

## **Partnership with Jesus.**

Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road... (Lk 10:3-4)

- Don't get distracted.
- Depend on Jesus.

# Following Christ is ***confirmation***

**of Jesus's work in you.**

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:17-20)

