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FOLLOWING JESUS #06

THE MISSION WE MUST FOLLOW

LUKE 4:14-44 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

Jesus began His public ministry not by gathering followers but by revealing His mission. In Luke 4:14-44, Luke showed that following Jesus was inseparable from understanding why He came. His mission was revealed through the Spirit, confirmed in Scripture, and demonstrated through His authority.

Luke first showed that Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and taught in the synagogues, where He was praised by many (Luke 4:14-15). This Spirit-empowered beginning showed that His ministry operated under divine authority, not human initiative. When Jesus arrived in Nazareth, He read Isaiah 61:1-2 and identified Himself as the Spirit-anointed servant who proclaimed good news to the poor, freedom to captives, sight to the blind, and liberation to the oppressed (Luke 4:16-19). By reading this passage publicly, Jesus revealed that His mission fulfilled the promises of Scripture.

After reading, Jesus rolled up the scroll, returned it to the attendant, and sat down while all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on Him (Luke 4:20). He then declared, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Though the people initially marveled at His words, their admiration turned to skepticism as they questioned His identity as Joseph's son (Luke 4:22). Jesus reminded them that prophets were often rejected in their hometown (Luke 4:23-24). Referring to Elijah and Elisha, He showed that God's saving grace sometimes reached beyond Israel when His own people responded with unbelief (Luke 4:25-27). The crowd reacted with anger and tried to kill Him, yet Jesus passed through their midst because His mission could not be stopped before God's appointed time (Luke 4:28-30).

After leaving Nazareth, Jesus went to Capernaum where His mission was confirmed through His authority. His

teaching astonished the crowds because His word carried authority (Luke 4:31-32). His command silenced demons (Luke 4:33-37). He healed the sick and restored the afflicted (Luke 4:38-41). When the crowds tried to keep Him, Jesus said He must preach the good news of the kingdom to other towns because He was sent for this purpose (Luke 4:42-44).

The mission of Jesus revealed that God's kingdom had entered history through the Spirit-anointed Son who fulfilled Scripture, confronted unbelief, and exercised divine authority to proclaim salvation.

The purpose of this sermon is to assure believers that the mission Jesus revealed through the Spirit, the Scriptures, and His authority is the mission we must follow with confidence. ✱

WHEN GOD ALIGNS OUR HEARTS

REV. LITO VILLORIA

This weekend many of the women from our church family are gathered in Tagaytay for the Women's Crossroad Weekend with the theme "Arise: Walking in the Light of God's Glory." As this retreat concludes today, we thank the Lord for the time He has given them to step away from the pace of everyday life in order to listen carefully to His voice.

Crossroad Weekends are designed to create intentional space for spiritual alignment. Life often moves quickly. Responsibilities accumulate, schedules fill up, and even meaningful ministry can become crowded by constant activity. In the midst of that pace, it becomes easy for believers to move forward without pausing to ask what God is doing in their hearts.

A Crossroad Weekend provides that needed pause. It allows participants to rest their hearts before the Lord, reflect on their walk with Christ, and respond to the ways God is shaping their lives. These moments are not about emotional experiences or temporary inspiration. They are about renewed clarity—seeing again what it means to follow Jesus faithfully in everyday life.

One of the lessons Scripture repeatedly reminds us of is that God forms His people before He sends them. Spiritual depth must precede spiritual multiplication. If we desire to see disciples

multiplied across generations, we must first cultivate hearts that are surrendered to Christ and attentive to His leading.

My prayer is that every woman who participated this weekend will return strengthened in her walk with the Lord—encouraged to live faithfully in her family, workplace, ministry, and community. Spiritual renewal is never meant to remain private; it is meant to shape the way we live and influence others for Christ.

In many ways, gatherings like Crossroad prepare the heart, while other moments in our church life strengthen the mission.

One such opportunity is IDMC Manila 2026, which will take place on March 28 with the theme: "Unshakable: Empowered in Warfare, Weakness, and Witness." This conference is designed to reinforce our shared commitment to intentional discipling. In a world that often feels unstable and uncertain, believers must learn to stand firm—not in their own strength, but in the power of Christ.

During this gathering we will reflect on what it means to remain anchored in the gospel through seasons of spiritual warfare, human weakness, and faithful witness. In the afternoon, a series of focused workshops will help believers apply these truths in specific areas of life—within the family, the marketplace, pastoral ministry, senior adult seasons, and among next generation leaders.

PARSON TO PERSON

I encourage every member of our church family—leaders, Growth Group members, and co-ministers—to prayerfully consider attending IDMC Manila 2026. The conference fee is P500, which already includes lunch, snacks, and materials. You may register individually or come as a group with your Growth Group or ministry team. Attend together, sit together, and take time afterward to reflect on how these convictions can strengthen our discipling culture as a church.

As we continue moving through this year of preparation toward Vision 2037, the Lord is steadily aligning our hearts as a congregation. Whether through moments of quiet reflection like Crossroad Weekends or gatherings that strengthen our mission like IDMC, God continues to shape us as a people who follow Jesus closely and help others follow Him faithfully.

My prayer for our church family is that we would remain attentive to the Lord's work in our lives. That we would pursue depth before activity, faithfulness before recognition, and obedience before expansion. When God aligns the hearts of His people, He also advances His mission through them.

May we continue to follow Jesus together—with humility, clarity, and courage—trusting that the Lord will accomplish His purposes through His Church for His glory. ✱

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