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## SERMON OUTLINE

FOLLOWING JESUS #15

## FOLLOWING JESUS WITH KINGDOM PRIORITIES

LUKE 12:1-59

Many people follow Jesus while still living in pursuit of approval, possessions, security, and control. Luke 12 shows that discipleship requires a life reordered by God's reign. Because the Father secures our future and the Son will return, followers of Jesus must live with kingdom-shaped priorities under His care.

Jesus first warned His disciples against hidden hypocrisy and misplaced fear. The leaven of the Pharisees was dangerous because hidden pretense spreads silently and will be exposed. Disciples must fear God as final Judge, while resting in the Father's care and depending on the Holy Spirit. (Luke 12:1–12)

Jesus then warned the crowd against greed and earthly security. A man wanted help with an inheritance, but Jesus exposed covetousness in his heart. Through the parable of the rich fool, Jesus showed that life does not consist of possessions. He had crops, barns, goods, and plans, but lacked divine wisdom and was unprepared before God. (Luke 12:13–21)

Jesus then taught His disciples to trust the Father and seek the kingdom. Since life does not consist of possessions, disciples must not be ruled by anxiety over food or clothing. The Father knows what His children need, as shown by the way He feeds the ravens and clothes the lilies. Therefore, disciples must seek His kingdom and store treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:22–34)

Jesus also commanded His servants to remain watchful and faithful. The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, so readiness means doing the Master's work until He returns. The unfaithful servant uses the master's delay as an excuse for unfaithfulness and faces judgment. Those who know the Master's will must stay faithful because greater knowledge brings greater accountability. (Luke 12:35–48)

Finally, Jesus warned the crowd to discern the present time and settle accounts with God. His mission would bring division because people would respond differently to Him. The crowds could read the weather but failed to recognize God's work in Christ. Therefore, Jesus called them to respond before judgment came. His coming brought grace, but it also demanded urgent repentance. (Luke 12:49–59)

Following Jesus requires a life reordered by God's reign. This sermon assures believers that kingdom-shaped discipleship is necessary because the Father cares for His people, the Son will return, and the present time demands faithful response. Therefore, we must examine whether our priorities are governed by God's kingdom before Christ returns. ❋

## PARSON TO PERSON

## BREAK UP THE FALLOW GROUND

REV. LITO VILLORIA

This week, in my devotion, the Lord reminded me of this word from Jeremiah 4:3: "For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: 'Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.'" Fallow ground is soil that has not been cultivated. It must be broken up before seed is sown and fruit can grow. In the same way, the hearts of God's people had to be broken before Him so they could truly receive His Word and bear spiritual fruit.

That is also a timely reminder for us as a church family. This week, from June 9 to 11, it is our joy and privilege to host the Asia Conference on Church and Mission 2026 here at GCF South Metro. We welcome Dr. Bambang Budijanto and the team of the Asia Evangelical Alliance, together with leaders, pastors, church workers, disciplemakers, and friends from different parts of Asia and beyond. We thank the Lord for entrusting this conference to us as host church. We also thank Him for the many staff members, ministry leaders, co-ministers, and partners who have been preparing for this gathering.

The theme of the conference is Disciple or Die 3.0. It is a call for churches across Asia to return to the mission Christ entrusted to His church. Disciplemaking is not one ministry among many ministries. It is the mission of the church. Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations. Therefore, the church must not be content with attendance, activities, and programs if people are not being formed into Christlike disciples who make disciples.

This is why the call to break up the fallow ground is also important for disciplemaking. A disciplemaking movement cannot be sustained by programs alone. It must begin with hearts that are humble before God, ready to receive His Word, and willing to obey His mission.

Then, on June 12, we will also host IDMC 2026 with the theme, "Rekindling Your Spiritual Passion." We look forward to hearing from Pastor Edmund Chan and Pastor Ann Chan as they minister God's Word to pastors, leaders, disciplemakers, and churches. After three days of AEA, IDMC 2026 will continue the call for us to return to Christ, renew our passion for Him, and live with greater intentionality in our walk with Jesus and our work for Jesus.

We also welcome today in our morning services our guest speaker, Keith Cote. Keith is a coach, author, speaker, and Global Leadership Summit Next Gen Lead. For many years, he served as the Executive Director of Student Ministries for the Willow Creek Association. His ministry focuses on awakening, activating, and connecting young people in their leadership, faith, and life journey. With more than 40 years of experience, he has coached and trained leaders and students around the world to build healthy and high-performing teams. He is also the author of *Beyond the Game* and *Dirty Feet*, and co-author of *Vision Moments*.

We thank the Lord for bringing Keith to us today. His presence is also a fitting reminder that disciplemaking must include the next generation. We cannot assume that our children and young people will automatically follow Christ. They must be prayed for. They must be loved. They must be taught. They must be discipled. They must be helped to know Jesus, love Jesus, abide in Jesus, serve Jesus, and proclaim Jesus.

As we host AEA and IDMC 2026 this week, let us pray that the Lord will use these gatherings to awaken churches, strengthen pastors, align leaders, and accelerate disciplemaking movements across Asia. Let us also pray that the Lord will work deeply in us.

Let us ask Him to break up the fallow ground of our hearts. Let us ask Him to remove pride, complacency, distraction, and spiritual hardness. Let us ask Him to make GCF South Metro a church that does not merely host disciplemaking conferences, but lives as a disciplemaking church.

May the Lord find us humble, ready, and obedient. May Christ be exalted in these gatherings. May the Holy Spirit revive His church. ❋

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