

Sermon Title: HTC25: Find & Follow **Scripture**: Matthew 7:7-11; 19:16-22

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- 1. In your personal walk with Jesus, what does/ did it mean to FIND Him? What does it mean to FOLLOW Him?
- 2. Would you say that you regularly ask, seek, and knock? How so?
- 3. How do you react to God, the world, or those around you when you don't get the answer to prayer that you expected?
- 4. When Jesus says "Ask, seek, and knock" in Matthew 7:7, He is using an allusion to prayer. It is present tense meaning constant. How would you describe your prayer life? Explain.
- 5. Following God can be difficult, especially in times of chaos, struggle, or turmoil. When have you found it difficult to follow/ trust in God? What brought you back?
- 6. The question posed to Jesus by the rich young ruler was, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Do you ever ask that question? When? Why?
- 7. The commandments for some did and do become a spiritual checklist, helping one determine that they are doing the "right thing". Have you ever made a spiritual checklist? What about?
- 8. At the end of that encounter the rich young ruler went away sad because he was too tied to his possessions and they weighed him down mentally and physically from following Jesus. His focus was too heavily on his possessions. Is there anything in your life that weighs you down and maybe pulls you away from God?
- 9. The 1st of the greatest commandments was to love God with all your heart. How do you do that? How do you do *AT* that?
- 10. The 2nd, and equally as important, commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. How do you do that? How do you do *AT* that?