Sunnyside Foursquare Church

Series: Become *His* Apprentice

Title: *Be with Jesus*

Speaker: DJ Vick | 11.1.26

Passage- Matthew 4:19

1. We choose to entitle this series *Become His Apprentice* rather than **His Disciple** because I think apprentice provides a more concrete picture as to what Jesus seeks to produce in His followers. Do you agree? Why or why not?

2. Do you think there's a difference between being a Christian and being a disciple of Jesus? "Just to make it crystal clear (used in the Bible) … Christian: 3X and Apprentice (disciple) 269X" – Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer

3. This invitation from Jesus into apprenticeship (being His follower) can be summarized by Jesus into 3 spheres:
    a. *Be with Jesus* – "follow Me"
    b. **Become like Jesus** – "I will make you"
    c. Behave like Jesus – "fishers of men"
    d. Which one stands out to you today as an area where you really want to grow in?
4. ***Be with Jesus*** was the focus of today's message. Pastor DJ referred to

    Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." The lamp can illustrate the importance of us sitting with the Lord and being fully known by Him, while the light illustrates the Lord's desire to direct us (being our guiding light) throughout the day.

    a. How has your time with the Lord been lately? Sitting with Him and being known by Him? What has He been speaking to your heart?
    b. How is your walk with Jesus specifically *practicing His presence* throughout the day going?
5. Why can it be difficult to keep Christ at the forefront of your mind throughout the day (we all can relate to this. "Especially me." – Pastor DJ)?
    a. How do you **reset your focus** on Him during the day?
6. How can we as group hold you **accountable** to not leaving Christ at the couch this week, and making pleasing Him the why behind all you say and do? Please see quote on the next page …

“The first and most basic thing we can and must do is to keep God before our minds…This is *the* fundamental secret of caring for our souls. Our part in thus practicing the presence of God is *to direct and redirect our minds* constantly to Him. In the early time of our practicing, we may well be challenged by our burdensome habits of dwelling on things less than God [that is, will be constantly distracted by a million other things]. But these are habits--not the law of gravity—and can be broken. **A new, grace-filled habit will replace the former ones as we take intentional steps toward keeping God before us.** Soon our minds will return to God as the needle of a compass constantly returns to the north…If God is the great longing of our souls, He will become the polestar of our inward beings.” – Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer