

HOW CLOSE DO YOU WANT TO BE ?

1. do you need “personal space”? (from others, from God)

a. are you ocd about your space? *(hand sanitizer for greeters)*

the physical space immediately surrounding someone, into which any encroachment feels threatening to or uncomfortable for them.

4 zones – 1. Intimate space (touching) 2. Personal space – 1 and ½ feet away

3. social space 4 ft away 4. Public space – 12 foot away

(touch that w a 10 ft pole)

b. do you control everyone around you so you can feel safe?

Don't want to be close with church people, because...

I'm fine without COMMUNITY! *(until I need prayer, help, answers, etc)*

2. Are you listening?

Eyes to see, ears to hear, He speaks ...don't look to the left or to the right, this is the way, walk in it. (Isa 30:21)

a. He calls you by name

Mark Virkler teaches 4 keys - 1. Quiet yourself

2. Seek vision, keep watch, fix your eyes on Jesus

3. Expect Spontaneity, flowing thoughts

4. Journal, write it down.

b. He calls you to come out

come out and be separate, bad company corrupts good character,

c. He calls you to follow – fishermen, tax collectors, business men, military leaders, office workers, salesmen, hairdressers, all of us must follow His plan.

Prov 16 - We may make our plans, but God has the last word.² You may think everything you do is right, but the LORD judges your motives.³ Ask the LORD to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out.

3. Are you willing?

a. the leper asked this...

Luke 5:12 - While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

* What are you willing to do for God? For others? Others you don't like?

b. are you crucified with Christ?

Matt 16:24 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Gal 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The via dolorosa / sandy patty

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day - The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street - But the crowd pressed in to see
A Man condemned to die on Calvary - He was bleeding
from a beating, there were stripes upon His back - And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head - And He bore with every step - The scorn of those who cried out for His death

Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King,
But He chose to walk that road out of His love - For you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

In the film, PASSION of the Christ –

1. Jim Caviezal separated his shoulder when he dropped the cross on the road
2. he was actually whipped on accident twice and tore his flesh so bad, he pulled his wrist out of the shackles
3. The actor who played Judas was an atheist who converted to Christ because of the film
4. Jim C and the director were stuck by lightning during the film
5. he was physically sick and on the verge of a heart attack while filming the crucifixion. His doctor said he could die if he continued while ill.
6. Mel Gibson reported several miracles during the shooting including recovered sight, recovered hearing and a little girl healed of epilepsy.

c. Can you drink from the cup?

Matt 20 - Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. ²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." ²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. ²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

Million of Christian martyrs throughout history from the disciples to the 21st century – Uganda, Malaysia, Laos, Bangladesh, Kenya, Tanzania, Yemen, Bahrain, Syria, Turkey, Kazakstan, North Korea, China, Russia now says it is illegal to distribute Bibles in some areas or attempt to convert people from one religion to another.