

FOLLOW THE WAY.

The Hills Church exists to make and grow followers of Jesus, and we do this together by being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did. This series unpacks that strategy and explores Jesus' invitation to follow him as a call to both his life and his way of life.

Week 2: Be With Jesus

1. This series is focusing on a new emphasis for our mission as a church (**be, become, do**). What encourages you the most from what you've heard in the first two messages?
2. **FOLLOWING THE WAY begins with HABITATION.** *There is no way to become like Jesus without spending time with Jesus. Read Mark 3:13-14.* What does this teach us about the importance of following Jesus together? Follow up: Share some examples from scripture that emphasize God's desire to be with His people. How does that encourage you?
3. **WAYS TO HABITATION: Focus on Jesus' presence.** Read Psalm 16:8. Reflect on your daily routine. Where do your thoughts naturally turn in moments of quiet? Where do you turn in search of comfort or joy? Follow up: **Read Colossians 3:1-2.** What is one thing you can do to consistently practice the presence of Jesus as you go through your day?
4. **WAYS TO HABITATION: Welcome the Spirit's guidance.** Read John 14:16-18. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit's help recently? How did that bless you? Follow up: **Read Galatians 5:16 & 25.** Share examples of how the Holy Spirit enables you to hear the voice of Jesus. How has that changed you? How do you need the Spirit's guidance today?
5. **WAYS TO HABITATION: Embrace the church's importance.** Why do you think some people say, "I love Jesus but not the church"? Why is this not something a follower of Jesus can rightly believe? Follow up: *The church gathers to experience the presence of Jesus.* **Read Matthew 18:20 & 1 Corinthians 5:4.** Share an example of when you've encountered the presence of Jesus in the presence of other believers. How did that change you?
6. *Followers make it a priority to make space for Jesus.* What barriers in your schedule keep you from prioritizing time with Jesus? What specific changes can you make in your daily routine to prioritize spending time with Jesus?
7. *Discipleship begins with this question: "What am I willing to be done with so that I can be with Jesus?"* What is your initial response to that question? Here is the question to reflect on as you go through this week: ***Is the way I'm doing life moving me closer to Jesus?***

