

# What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

## You Have A Calling

### I. Introduction

A. “Transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Followers of Christ.”

### II. What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

A. Commitment to Christ

1. Received Christ as Lord and Savior (Born Again)
2. Water baptized
3. Worshipper of God
4. Obedience to Christ and His Word

B. Commitment to His Church

1. Membership (Newcomers' class)
2. Consistent attendance
3. Small group participation
4. Giving of Finances
5. Serving

C. Commitment to His Cause

1. Sharing your faith
2. Being an inviter
3. Leading and discipling others
4. Ministering to others
5. Ministering to the poor
6. Local and global outreach

### III. What Are We Called To?

A. We are called to become.

1. I Cor. 1:2a (NLT) *I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people.*
2. Rom. 1:6-7a (NLT) *“And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people.*
3. I Thess. 4:7 (NLT) *God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives.*
4. Gal. 5:13a (NLT) *For you have been called to live in freedom.*
5. Gen. 17:5 (NLT) *What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations.*
6. John 1:42 (NLT) *Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).*
7. Acts 4:36a (NLT) *For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”).*

B. We are called to belong.

1. Mark 3:13-14 (NAS) *<sup>13</sup>And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. <sup>14</sup>And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach.*
  2. Romans 1:6 (NLT) *And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.*
  3. I John 3:1a (NLT) *See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!*
  4. Mark 2:17 (NLT) *“Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”*
- C. We are called to serve.
1. I Peter 4:10 (NAS) *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*
  2. Eph. 4:1 (NLT) *Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.*
  3. God made me \_\_\_\_\_. When I \_\_\_\_\_, I feel His pleasure.

#### **IV. Conclusion**