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## **PEOPLE OF THE WAY**

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace... 1 Cor. 14:33 (ESV)

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels - everything got started in Him (Jesus) and finds its purpose (its reason, its plan, ITS WAY) in Him (Jesus). Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

## HOW TO BECOME A PERSON OF THE WAY

1. It begins when I enter into a <u>personal relationship</u> with the one true leader, <u>Jesus</u>.

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who **choose that way**. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. **Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)** 

Jesus told him, "I am THE WAY, the truth, and the life"...
John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus said, "...everyone who believes (in Jesus and what He has done) may have eternal life in Him (Jesus). ...but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." John 3:15 & 18 (NIV)

"Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:9-10 (NLT)

"If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you." John 14:15-17 NLT

## 2. I must listen <u>to</u> and <u>follow</u> Jesus' way over everything and everyone else.

Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 (NLT)

There is **a way** that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. **Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)** 

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take (THE WAY). Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one **who does** the will of the Father..."

Matthew 7:21 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: Read the following statement by Eugene Peterson, "To follow Jesus implies that we enter into a way of life that is given character and shape and direction by the one who calls us. To follow Jesus means picking up rhythms and ways of doing things that are often unsaid but always derivative from Jesus, formed by the influence of Jesus. To follow Jesus means that we can't separate what Jesus is saying from what Jesus is doing and the way that he is doing it. To follow Jesus is as much, or maybe even more, about feet as it is about ears and eyes" (*The Way of Jesus*, Eugene H. Peterson, 22). Would you agree or disagree? Now read John 3:1-17 out loud so your spirit can hear it, then answer this simple question: Has there ever been a time when you joined THE PEOPLE OF THE WAY? If not, do it today. Pray and invite Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of your life.