Unforgettable: The Words of Jesus... about Following

#1 Consider "Follow me". Matthew 10:1-9

#2 Consider "I'm <u>sending</u> you."
Have you ever heard Jesus say that to you? - You have today!

Here is why faith is so critically important:

Faith...

- To believe in the Sender
- To believe in the Mission
- To believe in God's presence through the Holy Spirit Psalm 139:5; Isaiah 58:8

Jesus sends us:

- a) To proclaim the kingdom. Matthew 10:1,7-10
- b) To bring a blessing. Matthew 10:12-15
- c) As sheep among wolves. Matthew 10:16-20

#3 Consider the costs and rewards of "following" where you're sent. Matthew 10:21-42; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Sources for learning about your persecuted brothers and sisters:

- opendoorsusa.org (Brother Andrew)
- persecution.com (The Voice of the Martyrs)
- persecution.org (International Christian Concern)
- csi-usa.org (Christian Solidarity Intl.)

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Matthew 13:1-9, Romans 10:9-13

Matthew 13:10-17, Ephesians 2:1-10

Matthew 13:18-23, John 3:1-21

Matthew 13:24-30, John 5:24

Matthew 13:36-43, John 6:29-40

Matthew 13:47-52, John 11:17-27

Matthew 13:53-58, Galatians 2:15-21

Discussion Questions:

#1 Describe your "Spiritual Body Language". Are you OK with what it communicates to your heavenly Father? #2 Fill in the table below from Matthew 10, making it personal to your life. What might be required of you as a follow? What benefits (rewards) might also be yours?

| Costs | Rewards | Verse |
|-------|---------|-------|
| | | 16-20 |
| | | 21-23 |
| | | 24-25 |
| | | 26-27 |
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| | | 32-42 |

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