**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. December 3, 2017**

**Mission Sunday:**

**Leading People to Follow Jesus Christ**

Mark 8:34-38

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ isn’t looking for fans He is looking for followers.

**Fans VS Followers:**

A. Fans like how Jesus makes them feel. Matthew 13:20

B. Fans like what Jesus can do for them. John 6:26

C. Followers are willing to sacrifice to follow Jesus.

 John 19:38-42

D. Followers of Jesus have committed to follow Him

 only. John 6:60-66

1. Being a follower of Jesus Christ is more than

 intellectual belief.

 A. Faith has movement. If our faith in Jesus Christ is

 rooted in the day-to-day reality of our lives we are

 living a delusion.

2. Following Jesus is a call to self-denial.

 A. Our biggest hindrance to following Jesus Christ is

 our own selfishness.

3. Following Jesus is a call to death.

 A. A call to live for an eternal purpose vice temporal

 pleasures.

4. Following Jesus is call to be unashamed.

 A. The teachings of Jesus will seem outdated and

 unpopular in our current culture.

 B. Contrary to popular belief Jesus isn’t trying to be

 famous in the culture. He wants to be the priority in your

 life. Matthew 10:34-39

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Don’t be a fan of Jesus be a follower of Jesus. Commit your life to Him today.

**Food For Thought**

For the Week of December 3, 2017

**Read Luke 14:25-33**

What activities or attitudes are key to following Christ, according to this passage?

In your own words, what did Jesus mean by “take up his cross”?

Why is doing so a necessary part of discipleship?

Why does Jesus want wholehearted commitment?

Why isn’t it enough to be “somewhat” willing to follow Jesus?

What are some practical ways you might integrate the practice of self-denial into your life this week?

What is one situation you anticipate this week when you will have the opportunity to confess that Jesus is the Christ of God?

**Meditate on Psalm 1:1-6 this week**.