

RETREAT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FIRST SECTION

Jesus' Identification with Sinners

*After
Sermon
on Mount*

1. How does Jesus' attitude toward people differ from the Pharisees?
2. What did Jesus do to identify with sinners?
3. Luke begins Jesus' public ministry with the baptism and temptation of Jesus. How do these events illustrate Jesus' willingness and ability to identify with sinners?
4. How can we evaluate our own ability or willingness to identify with other people? What happens if Christians do not cultivate such an attitude?
5. What effects does Jesus' ability to identify with our sinfulness have on growing as a Christian or becoming a Christian in the first place?

SECOND SECTION

Jesus' Call to Discipleship

*After you enter
the kingdom of God as a child
& he picks up the little girl*

1. What types of people followed Jesus as disciples? What do you think other people's reactions were? Is there any kind of person that cannot become a disciple today?
2. What purposes did Jesus say he had for calling disciples?
3. What demands did Jesus put on those following Him? How are those demands either the same or different today? What were the different responses to those demands?
4. What did the disciples expect in return for following Jesus? Why do you think his followers continued to be disciples after the resurrection? What reasons would people have to follow Christ today?
5. Give examples of both the disciples' faith and lack of faith. What were the results in each incident? Why do you think the disciples lacked faith?