

Alison Morgan

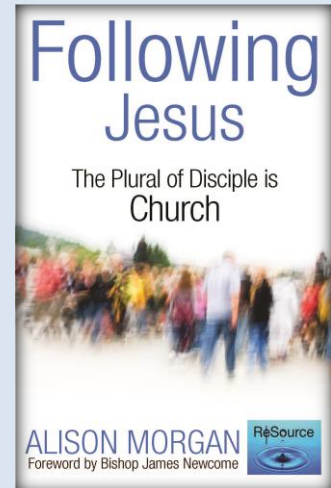
# Following Jesus

## The Plural of Disciple is Church

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Alison is well known as the author of *The Wild Gospel* and *Word on the Wind*. Alison's new book, *Following Jesus: the Plural of Disciple is Church*, will be published by ReSource ([www.resource-arm.net](http://www.resource-arm.net)) in April 2015.

The question 'what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus' is a key one for the church today. Alison has wide experience of helping people to answer this question, and this book offers a radical new contribution to the debate. Discipleship, Alison suggests, is about living and sharing our Christian faith, not just being taught it; it is not about what we know, but about who we are becoming. Defining discipleship as 'a form of apprenticeship undertaken in community', and drawing on her experience of working with people in ordinary communities all over the UK and in Africa, Alison offers a compelling mix of personal experience, real life stories and theological reflection. "If you are looking for something to excite people about Christian discipleship," writes Bishop James Newcome in his Foreword, "this is it."



### What are people saying about this book?

Alison Morgan is a star! Combining her deep faith and practical experience as a Christian teacher and evangelist, she challenges us to think afresh about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and for churches to be communities where people help one another to develop their relationship with Him. A wise and prophetic book which challenges us to consider the question 'How do I make my faith in Christ real today?' **The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu**

Discipleship is an absolutely central part of our theology and of our Christian practice. And Alison Morgan is one of our finest Christian writers. I commend this book to anyone who wants to grow in Christ and to see their community grow too, spiritually, numerically and as Christ's mature followers. **Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool**

Alison Morgan writes with a rare blend of wisdom and inspiration. This beautiful book is peppered with story, challenge and hope. I cannot recommend Alison's work highly enough. **Mark Russell, Chief Executive, Church Army**

Alison Morgan has written a fine book on the Church's greatest challenge of our time - discipleship. Live this book and discover how God can change your life, your church and your community. **Bishop Graham Cray, former leader of Fresh Expressions**

"There seems to be a growing consensus around 'Discipleship' as the greatest challenge facing Christians in the West - and, as usual, Alison Morgan has not only identified the key issue but also provided a lucid and practical insight into what it means. She combines substantial scholarship with highly personal reflection and down to earth illustration." **From the Foreword by James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle**

Alison clearly identifies the central calling of every Christian - to be a disciple of Christ - and explores what that means for us in the realities of modern life. She inspires with great testimonies, instructs with clear teaching, shapes with a coherent framework of discipleship, encourages with gritty realism, and through broad experience beautifully portrayed, she invites us afresh into the grace and freedom of lives fully given to Christ. **Revd Mark Tanner, Warden, Cranmer Hall, Durham University**

God has already used Alison Morgan's inspired writing to touch very many lives. This wonderful new book addresses the question of discipleship, a crucial one for today's church. She insightfully and engagingly elucidates what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and rightly insists that only as disciples together, as church, shall we be a truly effective part of God's great mission to transform not just individuals but the whole creation in Christ. **John Inge, Bishop of Worcester**

Alison beautifully balances the passionate individual following of Jesus in order to become more like him, with the well-argued emphasis and practical application that the plural of disciple is Church. It should become standard reading, thinking and living. **George Lings, Church Army Research Unit**

Here is an ever-expanding vision of what it means to be disciples of Jesus. It is simply written but exciting and profoundly challenging - calling us to a deeper experience of God's life and a more engaged participation in God's mission. Full of real life stories, it beckons us to abandon ourselves to God's great story and thereby discover life in abundance. **Martin Breytenbach, Bishop of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist, South Africa, and Chair of Growing the Church.**

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