

# FOLLOWING JESUS

## The Plural of Disciple is Church

by **Alison Morgan**

"If you are looking for something to excite people about Christian discipleship, this is it."  
Bishop James Newcome

"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. I love her writing. Somehow she manages to combine substantial scholarship with highly personal reflection and down to earth illustration, so this book is easy to read as well as intellectually and spiritually stimulating. This book is about living and sharing Christianity; not just being taught it. It is about becoming a practitioner rather than an observer, which means both being accountable to other Christians and engaging deeply with the Bible."

**From the Foreword by James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle.**

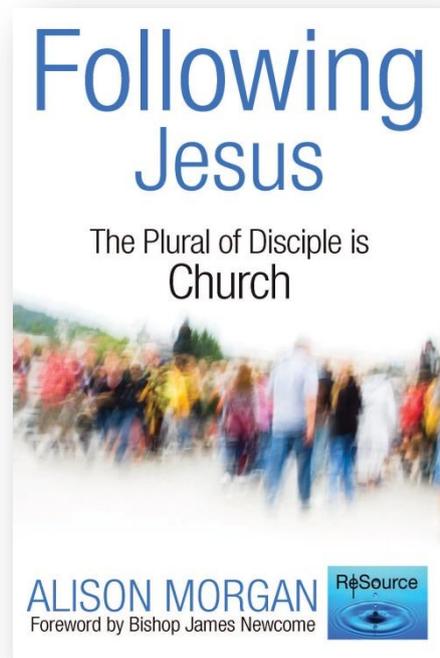
"Alison beautifully balances the passionate individual following of Jesus in order to become more like him, with the well-argued emphasis and practical application that the plural of disciple is Church. It should become standard reading, thinking and living." **George Lings, Church Army Research Unit**

"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**

"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 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**



"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 Morgan writes with passion about the urgent need to rediscover a practical and transformational discipleship, taking us back to the New Testament to study how Jesus coached his followers and how the early churches provided 'apprenticeship in community.' This is a timely, challenging and practical exploration of how to make disciples today." **Ven Paul Moore, author of *Making Disciples in Messy Church***

"When Jesus calls you to 'follow', he also call you to 'go'. The disciple who learns from Jesus is also the apostle sent out by Jesus. The church is the company of men and women who follow and go, learning from him and being sent out by him. This timely book will help it all make sense." **Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford**

"A fresh and refreshing account of what discipleship looks like, with many helpful nuggets of teaching, reflection and living testimony." **Phil Potter, Archbishops' Missioner and Team Leader of Fresh Expressions**

"Alison Morgan combines a fine intellect with a profound spirituality, and practical grasp of the Christian life. She offers a rich vision of a life in God, seen as a joyful dance, the true answer to the spiritual homelessness of the modern world." **Peter Forster, Bishop of Chester**

"More and more I hear it said that creating disciples is the greatest challenge facing the church today. *Following Jesus* is timely, filling the great need for an accessible, inspiring, easily understood and practical book on this vital subject.. It helped me see more clearly that discipleship is not about what the church DOES, it's about what the church IS - a community of disciples. Highly recommended." **Charles Whitehead, Chairman of the Ecumenical International Consultation on World Evangelisation**

"Brilliantly written on a key issue. Creative, fresh, and inspiring from one of our leading practitioners." **Canon Roger Simpson, Archbishop's Evangelist to the North**

Through engaging with the text of Scripture and with poignant, practical illustrations and group study sections, Alison enjoins us and gives us the tools to become intentional, welcoming, attractive and Christlike communities of faith. Essential reading for all God's people." **Stuart Robinson, author of *Starting Mission-Shaped Churches***

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