Follow Me: Session 3

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. A. How can traditions get in the way of following Jesus?

   B. How can traditions encourage following Jesus?

2. In last week's session, we discussed the "secret" of the kingdom of God (Mark 4:11) and the benefit of understanding that comes from being in the kingdom of God. Speaking of how we should patiently interact with those **outside** the kingdom, Kelly stated that there is no need to be ungracious when unbelievers sound like unbelievers or when new members of the kingdom sound like toddlers of the kingdom.

   Read the following words that Jesus speaks to his **disciples**. Is Jesus being ungracious in his interactions with them? How so, or how not?

   - "Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? . . . Do you not yet understand?" (Mark 8:17-18, 21).
   - "But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man'" (Mark 8:33).

3. What does it look like to trust Jesus when there are things we don't understand?