

The Wheel of Faith #5 come unto me

Big Idea

The gospel calls sinners not merely to believe truths about Christ, but to come to Him—entering a living union in which His life carries, directs, and transforms theirs.

Why This Study Matters

Many believers sincerely accept the gospel yet continue living driven, anxious, or self-directed lives. This lesson clarifies that the gospel's call is not simply to agree, improve, or try harder, but to attach—to walk yoked with Christ. Properly understood, this protects discipleship from works-based striving on one side and passive belief on the other.

Invitation Before Instruction

Introduction:

After revealing God's love, lifting up the cross, providing Christ's righteousness, and awakening awareness of need, Jesus does not issue a command. He extends an invitation.

Read: Matthew 11:28

Group Question:

- Why do you think Jesus begins with an invitation instead of a demand?

Theological guardrail:

Commands divorced from relationship produce fear; invitation establishes trust.

1. where does desire to follow Jesus come from?

Read: Matthew 11:27, John 12:32

Key Truths:

- Jesus has choose to reveal the father to you!

Group Questions:

- If Jesus has to reveal God to you... could you ever reach God on your own?
- **So if you can't reach Him... what is Jesus inviting you to do instead? See John 17:3**
- Is it possible that Jesus choose to reveal the father to you because he saw something in you that wants to know him?

Theological guardrail: *when we come to Jesus then Jesus will begin the process of showing us the father.*

2. The Yoke — Union with Christ

Read: Matthew 11:29

Key Truths:

- A yoke joins two lives together.
- Being yoked with Jesus brings rest to our soul.

Group Questions:

- What does the image of the yoke tell us about discipleship?
- What does it mean that when we take his yoke we will find rest for our souls?

Theological guardrail:

a yoke in ancient Israel was a wooden device used to tie an older experienced animal to a younger for training purposes, also was used for teaming animals for more power. Therefore, the text is referring to union with Christ is the way we find eternal life {rest for our soul}

3. Learning Christ, Not Merely Information

Read: Matthew 11:29

Key Truths:

- Jesus invites relational learning, not abstract knowledge.
- Transformation flows from proximity, not information alone.

Group Questions:

- What is the difference between learning about Jesus and learning from Him?
- What does it mean to learn of me?

Theological guardrail: *To learn of Jesus is more than learning about him. It includes learning to believe what he has said, and just as important to do what he has asked us to do. In short the invitation to come unto me is an offer to become a disciple of Christ or a follower, and not just intellectually, but in practice.*

4. The easy Yoke

Read: Matthew 11:30

Key Truths:

- Christ removes self-reliance, not responsibility.

Group Questions:

- Why do you think his yoke {way} is actually easier than living a life independent of Jesus?
- What makes his yoke easy?
- While the yoke is easy and the burden is light is there still a sacrifice in following Jesus and why?

Theological guardrail:

The Christian life still involves sacrifice, but never isolation. Burden carried with Christ differs from strain carried alone. It is easy because Jesus will work for you and in you.

5. Coming and Abiding — Sustained Union

Read: John 15:4–5

Key Truths:

- Coming initiates abiding.
- Abiding is the continual coming to Jesus.

Group Questions:

- Why does Jesus describe life apart from Him as powerless?
- From John's 15th chapter what are the ways we can abide in Christ? Read John 15:7 [discuss there are two things in this text] Read John 15:10 [discuss] John 15:12 Discuss John 15:26 [discuss]
- Read Hebrews 4:12 how does this text illustrate the power of God's word in relation to abiding with him?

Theological guardrail: When we pray and study God's word, keep his commandments, love, receive the Holy Spirit we learn what disciples that are yoked to Jesus are supposed to be like, what they do, how they live, Etc. In this way abiding in Christ is the way we come to Jesus and stay with Jesus!

6. Christ-Centered Reflection

Companion Reading — *Steps to Christ* chapter 3

“It is not enough to believe about Christ; we must believe in Him. The only faith that will benefit us is that which embraces Him as a personal Saviour.”

Group Reflection Questions:

- What does it mean to embrace Christ personally rather than admire Him?
- Read Revelation 3:20. What stands out to you about this text in relation to understanding what it means to come to Christ?

To come to Christ is to step out of isolation and into shared life. When believers walk yoked with Jesus, striving gives way to trust, effort yields to dependence, and obedience becomes the fruit of relationship rather than the price of acceptance.

Personal appeal: will you prayerfully consider coming to Christ today?

Part 2 Experiential Reality — Come Unto Me

A 7-Day Journey of Learning to Walk Yoked With Christ

Coming to Christ is not a single emotional moment—it is the beginning of a shared life. To be yoked with Christ means learning His pace, trusting His strength, and allowing Him to lead where we cannot go alone.

This seven-day journey is designed to help you experience what it means to **come**, **learn**, and **walk** with Jesus in daily life.

Day 1 — Respond to the Invitation

Read: Matthew 11:28

- Reflect today on this text and ask yourself have you really come to Christ in light of last week's bible study?
- Think about things you might have substituted coming to Christ with?
- What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you that coming to Jesus means for you?

Prayer time: earnestly seek God in prayer that he might reveal to you this week if you have really come to him or not. If you have not ask God to put a desire in your heart to want to come to him.

Day 2 — Choose to Be Yoked

Read: Matthew 11:29

- Consciously choose dependence today.
Before making decisions, pause and invite Christ to lead.
- **Reflection:** Where do I tend to walk ahead of Christ instead of with Him?
- Write down at least three benefits you think would come into your life from coming to Christ.

Prayer time: Tell God today that you want to be yoked [come into union] with his son Jesus.

Day 3 — Learn His Way of Life

Read: John 13:14–15

- Observe how Jesus treats others—with humility, patience, and love.
Choose one act of service for someone else today, at home or work.
- Find at least three other sayings of Jesus instructing us on things that we should do if we are his disciples.

Prayer time: ask God today in prayer to reveal to you the ways in which we need to learn to be more like Christ.

Day 4 — dangers of rejecting the call

Scripture: Matthew 11:16-24

- Has Jesus called to you before?
- Reflect on what the reasons why you did or did not answer the call?
- In this scripture what are the dangers in rejecting the call to come to Jesus?
- What are some more subtle ways we can reject Jesus without realizing that is what it is?

Prayer time: ask God to forgive you if you have ever rejected the call to come to Christ, and ask him to reveal to you maybe other more subtle ways that maybe we have unintentionally avoided his call.

Day 5 — Trust His Strength: The easy yoke and light burden

Read : 2 Corinthians 12:9

- Consider today ways in which you need the manifestation of his power in place of your weaknesses.

- Take some time to acknowledge your known spiritual weaknesses: [pride, stubbornness, fear, disobedience to God, Etc.] and consider how God's power could change your perspective?
- Consider and acknowledge any need and decide to rely on Christ's sufficiency.
- **Reflection:** What happens when I stop trying to appear strong and let Christ carry the weight?

Prayer time: ask God today to be your strength, to replace your human weakness with his divine strength. Ask God to teach you to rely more fully on him. Ask God to show you what Jesus meant by “easy yoke and light burden”

Day 6 — Walk Through Resistance With Him

Read: Luke 9:23

- Notice where following Christ feels costly or uncomfortable.
Stay yoked—do not detach.
- Write down a few things that worry you about becoming a disciple of Christ.
- Write down a few things that excite you about becoming a disciple of Christ.
- **Reflection:** What does staying with Christ in difficulty teach me about trust?

Prayer time: tell God today those things that make you fearful about becoming a disciple of Jesus. Then ask him to forgive you and give you strength to take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Day 7 — Rest for your soul

Read: Matthew 11:29

“My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

- Think today do you want rest for your soul?
- Do you want the assurance of eternal life?
- Do you want to be yoked with Jesus?
- Do you want to learn more of him so that you can be like him?
- Then today make the commitment to God.
- Go find a quiet place and verbalize to God that you have decided or you are reaffirming your choice to come to Christ.

Prayer time: Pray today the above ideas: and let God know that you accept Jesus as your Lord and master and are willing to upon your shoulders the yoke of Christ.

Experiential Summary Statement

Coming to Christ is not an escape from life—it is an entrance into shared life. As we learn to walk yoked with Jesus, striving gives way to trust, effort yields to dependence, and rest becomes the fruit of relationship rather than the absence of responsibility.