BYOB&B: Thinking Faithfully Out Loud

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Scripture: Acts 15:1-20 What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

What seemed to be the issue about whether Gentiles could or could not become followers of Jesus?

Who was arguing what side of the debate?

What was the outcome of the debate?

Connecting Scripture to today

When did you become a follower of Jesus?

What rules do you adhere to that tell you that you are a follower of Jesus?

What totems/physical objects do you carry with you that outwardly tell others you are a follower of Je-

sus?

What happens when you disagree with another person's self-identifying as a follower of Jesus?

Who gets to decide what makes a person a true follower of Jesus or not a true follower of Jesus?

Definitions as we begin this conversation

Piety high church/low church

Pietism Personal confession versus Corporate confession

Born Again Means of Grace/Sacraments

Saved

Disciple/Apostle

Discipleship

Evangelism/Evangelist/Evangelical

Monasticism

Trappist

Spiritualism

Mysticism

Meditation

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Christian Practices — How do we do ...

Discipleship

Stewardship

Worship

Service

Prayer

Participation in the Means of Grace

Reading Scripture

Go To Scriptures for defining the Christian Walk

Micah 6:6-8 — What does the Lord require of you, O Mortal

Matthew 25:31-46 — The Judgement of the Nations

Mark 1:1-14 — Repent, and believe in the good news

Luke 4:16-21 — The Spirit of the Lord is upon me

John 3:1-10 — Being born again

John 15:19-21 — Feed My Sheep

Additional scriptures —

Matthew chapters 5 and 6, the Beatitudes/Sermon on the Mount

Luke 6:17-49, The Beatitudes/Sermon on the Plain

Acts 10:34-43, God shows no partiality

Romans 1:16-17, The Righteous shall live by faith (quoting Habakkuk 2:4)

Romans 3:21-26, For all have sinned ... now they are all justified by grace

James 2:14-26, Faith without works is dead

Closing Prayer