

**Lord of the Rings
Jesus' Rings of Relationships**

NorthRidge Church

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There were others who left their homes and jobs and followed Jesus, and they were _____

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Four Relational Rings

1. The outer ring (1000's) is the _____
Cp. John 6:2 / Matthew 15 / Luke 8:4 / Luke 14:25 / John 6
2. The next ring (12) is the _____
 - (12) Disciples
3. The next ring (6) is the _____
 - (3) Disciples: Peter, James, John,
Cp. Mark 9:2 / Matthew 26:36-38
 - (3) Friends: Mary, Martha, Lazarus
Cp. Luke 10:38-42 / John 11:1-5 / John 11:33-36
4. The innermost ring (2) the _____
 - (1) Friend: Mary
Cp. Luke 10:39-42 / John 12:1-3
 - (1) Disciple: John the Beloved
Cp. John 13:21-25

James 4:8 "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you"

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Father, in Deuteronomy 6:7, You charge parents with the responsibility of diligently teaching their children how to love You with all their heart, soul, and strength. Give us the heart to teach, mentor, and equip parents how to accomplish this charge. Anoint and equip leaders of children and youth ministries to fill in where You lead them to do the same. Oh, Father, fill us with YOUR HEART for these, Your children.

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There were others who left their homes and jobs and followed Jesus, and they were **Disciples**

And there were fewer still who spent significantly more time with Jesus, and these were His **Close Friends**

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 - (12) Disciples
3. The next ring (6) is the **INTENSE RING**
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