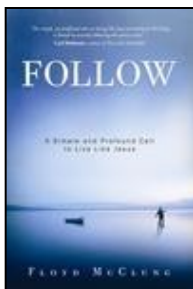
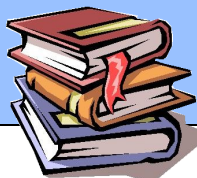


# Library News

By Dan Benson



## Book Review:

### *Follow*

by Floyd McClung

“Follow: A Simple and Profound Call to Live Like Jesus” by author Floyd McClung is divided into three sections - Loving Jesus, Loving Those Who Don't Know Jesus and Loving One Another. These closely align with Friedens' mission statement to glorify God by loving Him wholeheartedly, connecting with one another authentically and sharing God's love generously.

About half of the book is taken up by the first section, Loving Jesus. In it, McClung addresses issues that keep us from fully loving Jesus, along with traits we must adopt to clear away those obstacles. These topics include repenting of manmade religion, obedience, lordship, repentance, pride, faithfulness, and prayer. Less a recitation of spiritual disciplines to be followed, McClung attacks these topics as matters of our heart.

In the second section, McClung discusses how each of us are to be “on mission” for God wherever we are, becoming “a conspiracy of little Jesuses” - the walking, talking embodiment of Christ on Earth who, in His power, are storming the Gates of Hell and rescuing those who are lost.

In the final section, McClung defines Christian community not as a place to go or a club to belong to, but as a movement. “When we come to faith in Jesus, we become part of the people who are sent by God into the world,” writes McClung, who is the author of several books and has been a missionary in America, Afghanistan, Amsterdam and currently in South Africa.

One of the dangers as we strive to fulfill these three elements is the idea of church itself. It's easy to become self-centered and consider “church” an end in itself, McClung says. “If we are not careful, time and effort can be spent maintaining the institutions of church instead of fulfilling the main calling of the church,” which is to obey the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) and the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31), he writes.

*“Follow” is available  
in the Friedens library.*