

Follow Me - Church



Small Group Discussion Guide - Week 1

"At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."

John 6: 66-69

1. What stood out to you the most from the video and scripture reading?
2. Have you ever been tempted to unfollow Jesus? What caused this and who/what helped you to be obedient to Christ?
3. When has following Jesus been inconvenient, embarrassing, or costly for you? Share a time it cost you something or someone to be a follower of Jesus.
4. How has Jesus given you a peace and assurance as you have been obedient in following Him? How can you use that testimony to encourage and support others?
5. Knowing who Jesus was, is what kept many disciples from unfollowing. What have you "come to believe and to know" about Jesus? How has this knowledge or your experiences strengthened your faith?

Follow Me - World



Small Group Discussion Guide - Week 2

1. How did Jesus interact with “sinners” in His day? Do we as Christians do a good job of following his example?
2. What are some reasons it is so difficult to live as a Christian in the culture we live in today? How can Christians rise above these difficulties and make a transforming impact on culture?
3. Read Luke 15 as a group. What does this section of Scripture teach us about how God views the lost? How should that impact our thinking about the world?
4. What are the biggest problems people face in your world (school, work, neighbors, etc.) What can you do as a Christian to point them to Christ in the midst of their struggles?
5. What is the Gospel? How would you explain the Gospel to someone who is not a believer?
6. Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Why would Jesus give us these instructions? What ways have you seen this love for enemies make a difference in a situation? How can loving our enemies be a strong testimony to those who are onlookers to the situation and see how we respond?
7. We often talk about the sins of the world in our church circles. Why is it essential that we first make sure we deal with our own sins? How will not dealing with our own issues first impact how we interact with the world?
8. Take time at the end and pray for each other so that you live boldly for Christ in the world.

Follow Me - Work



Small Group Discussion Guide - Week 3

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10

1. What are the "good works" that Paul is talking about to the Ephesians?
2. If we are created for good works, does that only apply to church and mission activities? What good works can we do in the workplace? Thinking about 1 Corinthians 10:31, what does that tell us about our activities at work?
3. Do you struggle with compartmentalizing your life and beliefs at church compared to work? What causes that struggle?

"Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him."

Ephesians 6:5-9

4. Look at Ephesians 6:5-9 - Even though we aren't "slaves" to the workplace, how does this text instruct us to think about our work?
5. What is the biggest hurdle to doing good works at your job?
6. How can you overcome this hurdle and build confidence to represent Christ at work?

Follow Me - Home



Small Group Discussion Guide - Week 4

"Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1

Or as ESV puts it "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ."

1. What is your first reaction to this scripture? How could someone have a negative reaction if not taken the right way?

"And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders." Deut. 6:6-8

* Notice that in the Deuteronomy text, that the parents are intentional and repetitive in how they involve their family in learning about the Lord.

2. Use circumstances to teach your children to trust God. How can you better look for teachable moments in your home?

3. Protect your family from evil. Guard them. How can you practically guard and protect your family?

4. Set spiritual goals for your children. What are some goals you can set for yourself and your kids/grandkids?

5. Do ministry as a family. What area or opportunity can serve the Lord as a family?

6. Catch your kids doing something right – use that as a teachable moment. Share an example of a teachable moment you have experienced?

7. Hug and kiss your sons and daughters. Let them know they are loved as a way to model Christ's love for them. Let you kids see you as parents, grandparents and friends show affection.

8. Ask your children for forgiveness when you fail them. Why is it hard to seek your child's forgiveness?

9. Remind you children and grandchildren and nieces and nephews that God has a plan for them!

10. Persevere! How can this help your family grow in their faith?