

FOLLOW ME!
Mark 10:43-45 • Matthew 14:24 • Matthew 4:20

Ice Breaker: Are you more of a leader or a follower?

BACKGROUND: Jesus was 30 when He began His public ministry and the first words recorded in Scripture were "Follow Me!" Over and over in Scripture He invited people to follow Him — to become His disciples.

THE BIG PICTURE: Still today, Jesus invites us to follow Him.

DIGGING DEEPER:

- What is a disciple? What is Jesus calling us to? What does it mean to follow Jesus?

AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS:

Serve Others Unselfishly Mark 10:43-45

- How does Jesus share "How to Be Great 101" with His disciples? How did Jesus practice what He preached? How do we find ourselves desiring the first chair in God's orchestra? How does Jesus' life as a servant influence your life choices?
- Name some of the ways the world oppose this thinking of Jesus.
- Is there a place in your life where you could choose to be a servant instead of being great? What might you do? Who would it impact?

Deny Ourselves • Take Up Our Cross • Follow Him Mark 8:34

- How would you paraphrase what Jesus says in this verse? What does it mean specifically to you to: (a) deny yourself (b) take up your cross (c) follow Jesus?
- What has following Jesus cost you? Have you made any sacrifices to follow Jesus? What are the benefits?

Invite Others to Follow Him Matthew 4:19-20 • Matthew 28:19-20

- What invitations does Jesus give to these fishermen? What seems unusual about their response?
- All believers are commanded to "go." Where has God called you to make disciples? How has this calling been confirmed in your life?
- How has God equipped you to make disciples? What gifts has the Lord given you to fulfill His mission?
- How does the promise of Jesus' continued presence as you make disciples change the way you see this remarkable calling?

CONCLUSION:

- How can you be a true disciple of Jesus? Is there anything standing in your way? How does this message help you overcome barriers to follow Jesus?