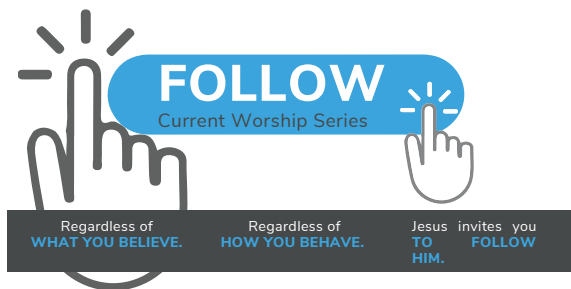


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 3: UnFollow



CONNECT MEMBERS TO EACH OTHER

Have you ever felt unworthy of following Jesus? If so, why did you feel that way?

CONNECT MEMBERS TO GOD

Imagine if you were one of the disciples whom Jesus told, **"Come, follow me"** (Matt. 4:19).

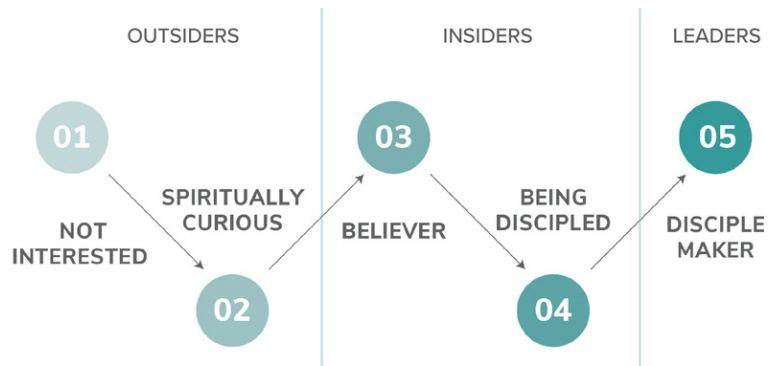
How do you think you it would feel to leave your life behind to follow someone you just met?

Have you ever felt unprepared to take a calling but stepped out in faith? Discuss the circumstances and how God worked it out for you.

Is there anything God is pulling you toward right now that you feel ill-equipped for?

LIFE APPLICATION

Look at the discipleship chart. Based on where you are right now, what is your next step in following Jesus?



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading from John features "doubting Thomas." When told of Jesus's resurrection, he tells the other disciples, **"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe"** (John 20:25). Jesus does appear later to Thomas and invites him to see and examine His wounds. It is then that Thomas's doubts are erased.

Do you ever feel like a "doubting Thomas"?

Has God ever given you a sign to assure you of his presence?

Do you think Jesus is scolding Thomas for His unbelief when He says, **"Because you have seen me, you have believed. blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"** (John 20:29)? Why or why not?

STOP AND THINK

St. Augustine once said, **"If God at times seems to be slow in responding, it is because God is preparing a better gift."**

Think of some examples from Scripture that support this assertion. Have you known it to be true in your own life?