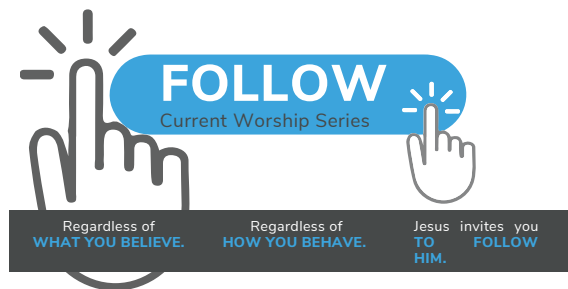


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 5: Follow Together



CONNECT MEMBERS TO EACH OTHER

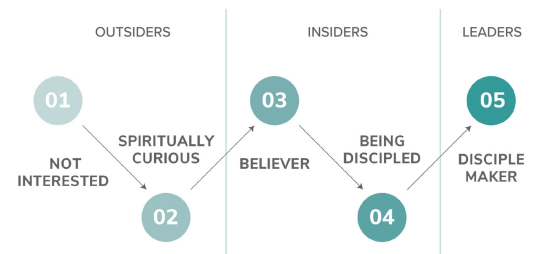
Do you have any worship style preferences?

Discuss with your group what led you to call Messiah your church home.

CONNECT MEMBERS TO GOD

We've shown this discipleship chart every in almost every message. As you look at it, consider the following questions:

1. Where do you think most people stall in their path?
2. Why is it so good for our faith to work towards being a Disciple Maker?
3. Do you think it is difficult for the average Christian to get to Step 5?
4. What do you think are the differences between a "Believer" (3) and someone "Being Discipled" (4)? Both are considered "Insiders" of the faith.



LIFE APPLICATION

Pastor Jim has used the following phrase several times during this message series: Religion says, **Change and you can join us.** Jesus says, **Join us and you will change.**

What kind of changes do you see in yourself as you grow in discipleship?

Are there any areas that you are actively working on growth in?

BIBLE READING

The Book of Philippians gives instructions for how Jesus's followers are to behave toward one another. Paul writes, **"In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"** (2:5-8)

Looking at the rest of the verses, summarize the "mindset" that Paul is describing in the first sentence?

If Jesus took the nature of a servant, how important do you think it is that His followers do the same? Can you think of any examples of Christians in your life displaying humility as they serve God?

Why do you think Paul specifies that Jesus died on a cross?

STOP AND THINK

Based on where you are right now, what is your next step in following Jesus?

(If your Group has already discussed this question, discuss the challenges you are facing in moving to the next step on the discipleship chart.)