



# **FOLLOW** Jesus

## **Group Study Guide**

### **Week 1: Follow Jesus**

*"Being a sinner doesn't disqualify you, it's actually a prerequisite."*

**Icebreaker:** Share a "day one" experience in your life, whether it was a job, relationship, or new hobby. How did it feel to start something new?

#### **Scripture Exploration**

- Read John 1:35-43. What stands out to you about the interactions between Jesus and the disciples?
- In Matthew 9:9-13, Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, to follow Him. What is significant about this choice, considering the social context?

#### **Group Discussion Questions**

- **Reflect on the Concept of 'Day One':** How can adopting a "day one" mentality in your spiritual journey with Jesus renew your passion and purpose? What practical steps can you take to maintain this mindset?
- **Understanding 'Follow Me':** Jesus' invitation to "follow me" is central to the sermon. How do you interpret this call in your own life, and what does it mean to follow Jesus in today's context?
- **Scriptural Insights:** The sermon references John 1:35-43, where Jesus calls his first disciples. How do these verses illustrate the nature of discipleship and the transformative power of following Jesus?
- **Theological Reflection:** Discuss the idea that "being a sinner doesn't disqualify you" from following Jesus. How does this shape your understanding of grace and redemption?
- **Community Impact:** How can our church become a "day one" church that invites and welcomes all people, regardless of their past? What actions can we take as a community to embody this inclusive vision?
- **Call to Action:** What is one specific way you can respond to Jesus' invitation to "follow me" this week? Consider both personal spiritual practices and ways to engage with others in your community.

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## **Personal Study Guide**

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- How does the concept of "day one" thinking, as described in the sermon, relate to these passages?

#### **Personal Reflection**

- What does Jesus' invitation to "follow me" imply about His expectations for His disciples, both then and now?
- Consider the reaction of the Pharisees in Matthew 9:11. What does this tell us about societal norms and Jesus' approach to them?
- How can understanding the Jewish educational system of the first century enhance our comprehension of the disciples' backgrounds and Jesus' invitation?

#### **Personal Application**

- Reflect on your own "day one" with Jesus. How can you rekindle the passion and clarity you had then in your current walk with Him?
- Identify one area in your life where you feel Jesus is asking you to follow Him more closely. What steps can you take this week to respond to this call?
- How can you, as part of the Crossroads Church community, encourage and support others in their journey of following Jesus?
- Consider someone in your life who might feel like they "didn't get picked." How can you extend Jesus' invitation to "follow me" to them in a meaningful way?

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