



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. Read the Luke verse. Jesus lays out an invitation that clearly defines the relationship of a follower. How would you define a “follower”?
2. Some may be followers and others may be fans. When someone is a fan of something, it means “enthusiastic admirer”, which is different than being a follower. The two questions are these: are you a follower of Jesus? *or* Are you a fan of Jesus?
3. The concern is that the church has the potential to very easily become a stadium full of fans of Jesus. We gather once a week, listen to a few songs on the radio, offer up a prayer or two and then do it all again next week. What does this sound like to you?
4. Jesus never really cared much about having fans. He was/is interested in followers. When you think of your relationship with Jesus, are you all in or are you a little bit in and a little bit out?
5. If you read the gospels there were many times when Jesus would draw a line in the sand and He would separate the fans from the followers. Read the John 6 verses. Some just came to see miracles, others for the food. These verses imply the question, “why are you here”? What is the reason you are seeking Jesus? Think about your answer and discuss the various reasons people may have for their “why”.
6. Do you know what the why was/is for Jesus? Read John 15:13. What was/is Jesus’ “why”?
7. In the verses, there was the miracle crowd, the meal crowd, and the “all in” crowd who just wanted to be near Jesus. There is a stretch when you are all in, the first being the commitment to Him. Which crowd are you? How has that decision made a difference for you?

NOTE: Connect Group Leader, listen actively and carefully to what is being said during the times when group members participants share. Let their responses guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group during the session. Allow Him to use you as you participate in His activity in the lives of those in your group.

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Main Idea

There are two questions we want to ask ourselves if we are going to define our relationship with God, and the answers to these questions can redefine us.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

Luke 9:23

John 6:1-2, 26

John 15:13

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.