

ALL IN

COME FOLLOW

Group Discussion Guide

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DAILY BIBLE PLAN

Read the verses from the Bible each day and write down what you observed. Take a moment to pray as you begin your day and review the memory verse.

Sunday Matthew 4:17-20, Luke 6:40

Monday Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23

Tuesday Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9

Wednesday Ephesians 2:8-9

Thursday 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Friday Matthew 16:24-27

Saturday 1 Peter 1:8, John 14:15

Memorize Matthew 14:19 (ESV)

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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MESSAGE NOTES
Lead Me, I'll Follow
“Follow me...”

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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE Lead Me, I'll Follow "Follow me..."

Jesus' call to "Follow me..." is relational. As fully devoted, fruitful followers, Jesus is calling us to be students of who He is and what He is doing (head), and to be totally transformed to be like Him (heart), so that we are living on mission with Him (hands).

Open: Who first shared the good news, the gospel of Jesus with you? What was your relationship with this person?

1. Looking at Matthew 4:17-22, describe what it looks and sounds like for a follower of Jesus to be ALL IN.

2. Why must a follower of Jesus not only learn what Jesus teaches but live how Jesus lives?

3. Read Luke 14:25-33. What costs are you counting in following Jesus as both Lord and Savior?



"It's impossible to be a disciple or a follower of someone and not become more like that person." #ALLIN

4. Jesus asks us to do three things to follow him: repent, believe, and be baptized. Have you turned from your sin, trusted in Jesus, and taken the step of baptism? If yes, explain. If no, why not?

5. How are you saying, "I'm ALL IN!" with your lips? How are you showing, "I'm ALL IN!" with your life?

My Next Step

Use the guide on page 16-17 to help identify your next step. Share your next step with the group.

Pray Together

*Jesus, I will hold nothing back from you
Head, heart, and hands, I'm all in for you*

*Lead me, I will follow
Shape me, I'm moldable
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Sunday Matthew 22:37-40

Monday 1 John 4:20, 1 John 3:14-16

Tuesday John 15:18-20

Wednesday Ephesians 4:11-16

Thursday Luke 9:57-62

Friday Acts 4:12, Acts 1:4

Saturday Romans 10:14-15

Memorize Luke 6:40

The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

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Jesus' commitment to make us into fully devoted, fruitful followers is intentional. Jesus is calling us to be with Him and with one another in community (connect), to watch Him and work alongside Him (grow), and to be sent out together by Him to do the work that He did (engage) - all of which fills Him with joy!

Open: Share one thing you have made before - a special recipe, a piece of art, or other project. What was this process like?

1. Read Luke 6:40. What does it mean for Jesus to be above you? ...and for you to be “fully trained”?

2. Discuss this quote together: “God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.” (Max Lucado) How are these words true for you?

3. Read Luke 10:1-9. What are some ways Jesus' followers connect, grow, and engage?



“To be a disciple is not just to know what the teacher knows, but to live how the teacher lives.” #ALLIN

4. What are some ways you are connecting, growing, and engaging with your faith?

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Sunday Matthew 28:16-20

Monday 2 Timothy 3:10-12

Tuesday Hebrews 10:11-14

Wednesday Acts 16:31-34

Thursday 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

Friday 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Saturday Matthew 16:17-19

Memorize Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE Send Me, I'll Go “...fishers of men.”

Jesus' call for us to be “fishers of men,” or fully devoted, fruitful followers, is missional. Jesus is calling all of His followers (yes, you!) to make disciples by going, by baptizing, and by teaching. We are compelled by Jesus' love for us to call people to be reconciled to God through Jesus!

Open: Where do you see God most bearing fruit in your life and in the lives of others?

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What does it mean to make disciples by going? ...baptizing? ...teaching?

2. Is Jesus' command to go and make disciples for all people or only some people? Explain...

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Rewrite this verse in your own words and share it with the group.



“Making disciples is not an option, but a mandate, not a suggestion but an imperative.” #ALLIN

4. Are you ALL IN to make disciples and mentor others? If yes, explain how you are doing it. If no, why not?

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MY NEXT STEP

Navigating life can be difficult. Finding your way at New Life is simple! Our purpose is to be a family of love, that cooperates with God in making fully devoted fruitful followers of Christ. The **Growth Path Steps** is a guide to help you discover and take your next step in this journey. Read through the steps below, check some of the boxes, and share your next step with your group.



BEGIN

Every journey has a starting point. In this step of your growth you are boldly stating that Jesus is the Lord of your life, and you are being obedient to Jesus' command to be baptized. In your baptism you are symbolically putting to death your old life, so that you can fully live out the new life you've been given in Jesus. **My NEXT STEP is to...**

- Read through the Gospel of John in the Bible.
- Attend a worship service every Sunday.
- Talk through my understanding of Jesus with someone from church.
- Make the decision to turn from my old ways and completely surrender my life to Jesus.
- Begin working through the BEGIN First Steps book with a mentor and sign up for the next baptism.

CONNECT

We were made to be in community. The church is perfectly designed to allow the most diverse collection of people to learn and grow from each other's mistakes and victories. Now that you have been given a new life, it's time to connect with others who are living their lives in the same direction as you! **My NEXT STEP is to...**

- Make a first time visit to a group this week.
- Commit to attend a group every week this season.
- Invite someone with me to group.
- Assist my group leader with the group.
- Attend a Discover New Life class and become a member.

GROW

We are never done growing in Christ. As disciples, or students of Jesus, we need to be constantly looking for opportunities to grow deeper in our relationship with Him. In this step you are developing the habits of a healthy disciple and practices that draw you closer to God. **My NEXT STEP is to...**

- Work through the GROW First Steps book with a mentor.
- Attend a men's or women's retreat this Spring.
- Pick up and complete a Scripture Reading Plan.
- Spend _____ minutes everyday reading my Bible and praying.
- Attend a training or growth class offered at New Life.

ENGAGE

You have gifts, talents, and abilities! God created you that way so that you could engage this world as a representative of Jesus. The Spirit of God is working through you from the inside-out to see your new life used for a purpose. At this step you are using your talents to reach out and impact the lives of others in your local church, family, and community. **My NEXT STEP is to...**

- Find an opportunity to serve in a ministry at my church.
- Engage my family, friends, neighborhood, and workplace with God's mission.
- Invite _____ to New Life this Sunday.
- Start a conversation with _____ and share my faith story with them.
- Commit to sharing my faith once a week.

DISCIPLE

Discipleship is not the finish line. We are called to make disciples who make disciples. In this step you will be taking on a lifestyle of investing in people around you who are just beginning their journey of being fully devoted followers of Jesus. Get ready to enter the baptism waters again, but this time with a new disciple that you are taking under your wing. **My NEXT STEP is to...**

- Work through the DISCIPLE First Steps book with a mentor for the next six weeks.
- Sign up to become a mentor.
- Contact _____ and ask them if I can mentor them toward baptism.
- Attend a group leaders training and start a new group.
- Sign up to go on a mission trip being offered at New Life.

THE BASICS OF SALVATION

A - ADMIT my sinful condition and need for salvation. God our creator is holy, loving and just (Exodus 34:6-7). He desires fellowship with us, and He loves to bless us (Psalm 103:1-5). Though humans were created in perfect fellowship with God, the first man Adam rebelled against God and brought sin and death upon all humans (Romans 5:12). Sin, any rebellion against God, is what separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). I was born a sinner by nature (Psalm 51:5). In my life I have violated both my God-given conscience and the revealed laws of God (Romans 3:14-15; Exodus 20:1-17). God is just and must punish all sin. (Exodus 34:7) God's just punishment for sin is death, eternity in hell (Romans 6:23; Matthew 25: 41; Revelation 21:8). Though I may have done some good in my life, I know my good deeds cannot earn salvation or cancel out my sins (Titus 3:4-5). Because of my sin I am deserving of God's punishment and can do nothing but ask for mercy (Romans 3:23; Luke 18:13-14). Sin destroys my mind, my body and my relationships. Because I believe these things about my sinful condition, I stop trusting in my own good deeds to save me and turn away from my sin.

B - BELIEVE the truth about Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God in human flesh (Colossians 2:9), who loved us and willingly died for guilty sinners (Romans 5:8). Jesus paid the death penalty that sinners deserved to pay (1 Peter 2:24). Through His sacrifice, justice was served (Romans 3:25-26). God can now allow sinners to be forgiven and restored to Him when they repent of sin and trust in Jesus (Acts 5: 31). We can be saved because of God's grace (undeserved favor), through faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9). Jesus forgives sins, gives sinners His righteousness and restores them to fellowship with God (2 Corinthians 5:21). Believing in Jesus for salvation means relying upon Him alone to make me a new person, give me new spiritual life, give a life of spiritual victory here and now (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:4-5; John 10:10) and one day bring me to eternity in heaven (John 3:16).

C - CONSECRATE myself to Jesus Christ by trusting and obeying His Word. I choose to trust and follow Jesus Christ daily, living for Him since He died for me (2 Corinthians 5:15). I will work out the free gift of salvation by letting God work in me (Philippians 2:12-13). I will let God renew my mind and transform my life by reading and obeying His Word (Romans 12:1-2; James 1:22). I will let the Holy Spirit bring changes to my character (Galatians 5:22-25). I will let God make me holy and accomplish His will through my life (Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 4:22-24). I will celebrate God's grace and mercy by joining up with other believers who can encourage me to follow Jesus (Hebrews 10:24-25). I will give God glory by loving people and telling them about salvation in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:9-12).

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

- 1. Set a Time:** Make an appointment with God that you intend to keep.
- 2. Set a Place:** Find a place free from distractions that allows you to focus on God.
- 3. Set a Plan:** Have an intentional strategy of what you will do during this time.
- 4. Choose a Partner:** Find someone who will ask you about how you are doing so that you can encourage one another and share what God is showing you.

I will read my Bible _____ days a week, starting at _____:_____ and read for _____ minutes a day.

Use S.O.A.P. When Reading the Bible

We read the Bible for more than just information. In order for God's Word to transform us we must reflect and meditate on what we are learning. S.O.A.P. is a simple approach to use when reading the Bible.

Scripture - What did I read?

Write down the date and passage you read from God's Word each day.

Observation - What did I see?

Write down a few notes of what impacted you from the passage.

Application - What will I do?

Write down a sentence for how you will take action on what you read.

Prayer - Ask God for help.

Write a short prayer asking God to help you put into practice what you learned.

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MY GROUP INFORMATION

Make a list of your group members to remind you to pray for them and keep in touch. Encourage one another during the week with scriptures, songs, and prayers.

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Make a list of 3 people to pray for and invite to follow Jesus.

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