

THE FOLLOWING JESUS BIBLE STUDY SERIES

This 10-week Bible study series invites groups to explore the question: What does it actually look like to follow Jesus today? Each study looks at a key moment in the Gospel of John where people encounter Jesus and are invited to follow him. As we watch how people respond to Jesus in these stories, we'll also ask how he is inviting us to respond on our campuses.

The goal of this series is not only to study the Bible, but to practice following Jesus together, learning to encounter him in prayer and joining his mission among our friends and classmates.

A Rhythm of Application: "Come and See" and "Go and Do"

Each study ends with two kinds of application designed to help groups move from discussion into real-life discipleship. "Come and See" focuses on encountering Jesus and ministering to one another. "Go and Do" focuses on applying the passage to our lives and taking risks to follow Jesus.

Come and See - Right Now

At the end of each study, the group will take time to encounter Jesus together in prayer. In John 1, Jesus invites his first disciples to "come and see." We believe Jesus still invites people to encounter him today. During these times the group will try praying for one another in the following ways:

1. Praying for God's presence
2. Praying for filling
3. Praying through repentance
4. Praying for signs and praying our longings
5. Praying for vision
6. Praying for healing
7. Praying for deliverance from darkness
8. Praying for provision
9. Praying a decision to Follow Jesus
10. Praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Go and Do - This Week*

Following Jesus always leads outward. After encountering Jesus, participants are invited to take a missional step during the week to follow Jesus and join what he is already doing on campus. These application times will include the following simple but intentional risks:

1. Inviting friends to Bible study
2. Taking a risk to be generous
3. Sharing a personal testimony
4. Offering to pray for someone
5. Practicing spiritual vision
6. Sharing the gospel
7. Discerning calling to a corner of campus
8. Serving one another
9. Abiding in Jesus in prayer
10. Learning to follow the Holy Spirit's leading



* To help you go deeper with each of the "Go and Do" applications, we've also created an Apprenticeship Guide that follows the same passages.



Overview of the Studies

Week 1: Following Jesus - John 1:35-51

Jesus calls his first disciples. We explore the invitation to follow him and introduce others to Jesus.

Week 2: Take a Risk - John 2:1-11

Jesus turns water into wine, revealing the abundance that flows from trusting and responding to him.

Week 3: Thirsty? - John 4:4-26, 28-29, 39-42

Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman, inviting us to receive new life and share it with others.

Week 4: It's a Miracle! - John 6:1-14

Jesus feeds a crowd and invites his followers to trust him to provide as they offer what they have.

Week 5: Seeing as God Sees - John 5:17-20

Jesus reveals how he joins his Father's work and invites us to learn to see where God is moving.

Week 6: Sent - John 9:1-7, 13-17, 24-41

Jesus heals a man born blind and sends him to tell others what Jesus has done for him.

Week 7: Life and Death - John 12:20-36

Jesus teaches his followers that real life and fruitfulness come through surrender and sacrifice.

Week 8: Serving Like Jesus - John 13:1-20, 34-35

Jesus models servant leadership and calls his followers to become a community defined by love.

Week 9: Living on the Vine - John 15:1-17

Jesus invites his followers into a life of abiding in him that produces lasting fruit.

Week 10: Holy Spirit People - John 14:12-17, 25-26, John 16:7-15

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit who will guide, empower, and transform his followers.

Leading the Following Jesus Series

We tried to make these studies as simple as possible to lead, including an intro, some discussion questions, and clear applications each week. But you'll still be well served by spending time going over the material and praying in advance for God to move and guide the conversations.

You don't need to have everything figured out to lead this series. Simply create space for people to explore the stories of Jesus honestly, encounter Jesus together, and take simple risks to follow him. As you do, trust that the same Jesus who called the first disciples in the Gospel of John is still calling people to follow him today. Our prayer is that through these ten weeks, many students will not only learn about Jesus, but will begin actively following him on campus!