



Become a Follower

Focus As we follow Jesus, He helps us become more like Him. When we continue to follow Jesus, we become more concerned for other people than for ourselves.

Fun What is your favorite foreign food? Do you prepare it yourself?

Review Key Scriptures: Mark 1:17, 9:33–35, 10:43–45; John 1:12, 3:30, 13:12–14

1. We are born self-centered.

This is our fallen nature because sin entered the world.

2. We are born again Christ-centered.

This is our first step away from self-centeredness. A growing, maturing Christian will become less self-centered and more Christ-centered.

3. We become like Jesus.

God becomes greater in us when we become less concerned about ourselves. As we follow Jesus and become more like Him, people will see Jesus in us.

Group Dynamics Idea Your group can serve one another by sharing prayer requests, either out loud or written down, and then praying for them throughout the week. The praise reports that come in the following weeks will offer encouragement to continue to pray.

Discuss

1. What does it mean to take ourselves off the throne and put Jesus on the throne?
2. Read John 1:12. What's the process of receiving Jesus and believing and becoming? Why is becoming a follower of Jesus a continual process?

3. Jesus says in Mark 1:17, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." How does the world see Jesus in us when we follow Him?
4. Read Paul's description of himself in Romans 1:1. As we become more like Jesus, how are we able to both serve others and do what God has called us to do?
5. In John 13:12–14, Jesus told His disciples to serve others, rather than wash His feet. What does this tell us about who we, as Christ followers, should be serving?
6. Read John 3:30: "He must increase, but I must decrease." What does that mean to you?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Becoming a follower of Jesus means to continue to become more like Him.
- Jesus makes us most like Him when we serve others.
- As we become more Christ-centered, we become more concerned for others.

Prayer Jesus, we follow You. Help us become more like You every day. We understand that to serve You is to serve others. Lord, as we center ourselves on You, become greater in us so the world may see You in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Be sensitive when inviting your members to receive their prayer language. You may want to attend the Equip class, "How to Minister the Baptism in the Holy Spirit." Your members can also attend the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" Equip class. Encourage your group to spend quiet time alone to further seek God.