

# GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **Stand Alone Message**

TITLE: **Walking with Jesus**

BIG IDEA: When we follow Jesus we enter a journey that will direct us, shape us, challenge us and mold us into his image.

## BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Matthew 7:13-14**

Jesus said the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life. Why do you think God designed the path of discipleship to be difficult rather than easy?

What makes Christians believe that following Jesus is easy and get upset when it gets difficult and challenging?

Read **John 8:10/ 2 Corinthians 5:7**

Jesus says whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but in the light of life. What benefits do we have walking in the light?

What does it mean to 'walk by faith, not by sight' in practical terms when facing decisions or challenges in your everyday life?

Read **1 Peter 2:21/ Colossians 2:6**

How are you following in Jesus's footsteps, especially in the area of suffering?

How has Jesus shaped your journey as you walk with him? How is your life different because you follow the ways of Jesus and not the way of the world?

Read **1 John 2:3-6**

First John 2:6 says whoever abides in Christ ought to walk in the same way he walked. What specific aspect of Jesus' walk do you find most challenging to imitate?

Where would you honestly place yourself right now on the Discipleship Pathway (Discovering, Beginning, Growing, Applying, Reproducing), and what specific step could you take this week to keep moving forward in your walk with Jesus?

In what concrete ways are you not just learning about Jesus but actually "walking as He walked" (1 John 2:6) — and what is one area of your life where obedience to His commands needs to grow next?

How does seeing your walk with Jesus as a shared journey change the way you view your engage in a local body of believers?

In what specific ways can you help our church "reproduce" disciples—by investing in, serving, or walking alongside someone who is at a different stage on the pathway than you?

Why is it important that the Discipleship Pathway begins with "Discovering"? Does it make a difference helping people

When we pick up our cross and follow Jesus, how does this benefit those who may not be believers or give us a better opportunity to serve the hurting and broken in our community?

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IN CHRIST

LIVING AS  
A FAMILY

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