

Small Group Discussion Guide

Childlike Faith | Part 2: Watch and Follow | Message by: Tori VanderPloeg

BIG Idea: Childlike faith grows up—not to lose its wonder, but to become an example others can watch and follow.

Application: Let your life be a living example of Christ: create safe environments for growth, encourage others toward maturity, and invite God’s grace to fill every gap as you lead and teach the next generation.

Icebreaker Question:

Share about a time you followed someone else’s lead. What did you learn—either from their example or the experience?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Matthew 18:1–4 and 1 Corinthians 11:1. What do these passages teach us about leadership, humility, and spiritual maturity?
2. Who has been a consistent and trustworthy example of faith in your life? What made their example impactful?
3. How do our words, attitudes, and daily decisions affect those who look to us for guidance?
4. What does it look like to live “above reproach” in today’s world? Why does this matter for those who follow us?
5. Why is humility essential in leadership and influence, especially in the Christian community?
6. How can we create environments—in our homes, friend groups, or workplaces—where others can grow in faith?
7. What are some ways we unintentionally model inconsistency in our walk with Christ?
8. How do you discern whether someone is worth following in a spiritual or life-giving way?
9. When you think about living as an example, creating a healthy environment, and offering encouragement, which of these comes most naturally to you, and which one do you want to grow in right now? Why?
10. What role can this group play in helping each other grow into people worth following?

Group Prayer Prompt:

Pray together for the courage to lead with love and truth, the humility to admit where we fall short, and the wisdom to reflect Christ in everyday life. Ask the Holy Spirit to shape us into people others can trust to point them to Jesus.