



# onechurch

## bigIdea



***Jesus was not a Christian.*** He never asked anyone to become a Christian, never built a steepled building, never drew up a theological treatise, never took an offering, never wore religious garments, never incorporated for tax purposes—He simply called people to follow him. That’s it. That, despite its simplicity is it. He called people to follow him. Jesus wants you to be more than a Christian. He wants you to follow Him. He wants you to be His disciple.

**BIG IDEA:** Stop being a Christian... and become His disciple.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When your average co-worker or neighbor hears the word “Christian,” what top 3 words do you think come to their mind?
2. What top 3 words do you wish would come to their mind when they hear the word “Christian?”
3. Chris talked about the difference of being a Christian and becoming a disciple. Discuss some benefits of being a Christian. Talk about some benefits of becoming a disciple. (To make this concept easier to understand, think of becoming a Christian as being born, and a disciple as growing up)
3. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Chris explains...

“When a farmer hitched the younger ox to the yoke of the older ox, the yoke could be positioned in such a way that the majority of the weight was being carried by the older ox. Most of the weight was being pulled by the older ox who knew what He was doing—not the ox who didn’t know anything and who was being trained.”

If the load I’m trying to carry is too heavy, what does that mean? What kind of adjustments would Jesus make to your direction? To your speed?

4. What are the pressures for which we need God’s kind of rest?
5. Read Matthew 10:24 and Luke 6:40. Take a few minutes to talk about where Jesus might lead you as your teacher. How would he transform you as His disciple? What would you be like? How would you talk differently? How would you be different at work?
6. So if our job here on this planet is not to just do good enough to get into heaven, then what is our job? (Why wouldn’t God just take us right to heaven as soon as we believe in Him?)

### ***Movie-Time - Optional Homework or Group Fun Night***

Watch the film “Saved” (starring Mandy Moore & MacCaulay Culkin). It pokes fun (in a funny but gentle way) at “Christian” subculture, and even better, it contrasts the “religious” kids at a Christian school with the “rebel” kids. In the end, which group ends up really showing Christ’s love and following His example?

### THINK ABOUT IT

Jesus never called anyone to become a Christian. Jesus called people to *follow Him* **49 times** in the Gospels. Jesus called people to become His *disciple* **269 times** in the New Testament. The word *Christian* appears only **3 times** in the Bible.

If you’re a Christian, and if that means anything else besides wholeheartedly following Christ, then you need to stop being one. Start following the Christ who hopefully fascinates you. Follow Him wherever He leads you, no matter what. So where is