



Follow

PART TWO: FOLLOW WEAR

Everyone is invited to follow Jesus. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify you. Being a doubter doesn't disqualify you. The goal of following Jesus is a faith that overcomes fear of the future or our current circumstances. It's a faith that gives us peace. But what do people who follow Jesus look like? What do they wear?

BIG IDEA: Followers of Jesus are called to make a difference, not make a point.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's your favorite sports team? To what extremes have you gone to show your support for your team?
2. When you think of the word "Christian" what qualities come to mind? Are they positive or negative? Why?
3. Talk about a time when you encountered a Christian who was more interested in making a point than making a difference. How did that person affect the way you view Jesus?
4. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read John 13:34-35.*

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples [or followers], if you love one another." John 13:34-35

5. How did Jesus love the disciples? How does His love become a model for us?
6. If Jesus' followers today truly loved everyone and were known for their love, how different would the church look? How different would our world be if you chose to be known by others for your love?
7. In the message, Dave said, "All religions gravitate toward rule keeping instead of relationship building." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
8. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Colossians 3:12-14.*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14

9. What are some of the challenges to living the kind of life Jesus calls his followers to live?
10. Think of one person in your life who is difficult to love. What is one thing you can do this week to better love that person? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Following Jesus means clothing yourself in patience, gentleness, kindness, compassion, humility, forgiveness, and love. That kind of faith is powerful. It's the kind of faith that makes a difference instead of just making a point. Imagine how that kind of faith would change people's perceptions of the church. Imagine how it would change communities? Imagine how it would change nations? Imagine how it would change the world?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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