

## Connect Group Guide: "Come Follow Me"



**Passage: Matthew 16:13 - 28**

**Sermon Link:** [▶ Come Follow Me](#)

### **Welcome:**

*(Choose a question for your group to discuss)*

- What does it mean to truly follow someone or something in our social-media age where the words "follow/follower" are used so frequently?
- How did you come to follow Jesus?

### **Worship:**

*(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)*

- Link: [▶ Open The Eyes Of My Heart | feat. Matthew & Jessie Harris | Gateway ...](#)

**Word:**

*(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)*

**Before reading the scripture:**

- Discuss: "Everybody is following something or someone, it just depends who or what you are following." Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- How would you respond if Jesus asked you: "Who do *you* say I am?"
- What does it mean to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus?
- What does it mean to be an apprentice?

**Read: Matthew 16:13 - 19**

- Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do you say I am?" Why do you think He insisted on asking this question in such an up-front and personal manner?
- Here Peter had a revelation of who Jesus truly was. Why is it important that we continually allow Him to reveal Himself to us in our faith journey?

**Read: Matthew 16:20 - 24**

- Why is it not enough to view Jesus as merely a good teacher or a kind person?
- Straight after Peter's incredible revelation, Jesus begins to explain to Peter that He is going to be killed and that He will be raised again. Why do you think Peter responded in the way he did in verse 22?
- What do you think Jesus means when He addresses Peter for not having in *mind* the concerns of God, rather than mere human concerns?
- Why is it impossible to follow Jesus without denying ourselves?

## **Works:**

*(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)*

- How is Jesus calling you to follow Him this week?
- How is Jesus calling you to address the real question: “Who do you say I am?” in your life?
- What is it that you need to deny yourself in, in order to follow Jesus?

## **Closing:**

*(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)*

- Pray for a revelation of Jesus to those who seek Him, and that those who are seeking Him may learn what it means to deny themselves and to follow Jesus.

