

FAN -OR- FOLLOWER




DID YOU KNOW?



Back in 1990 there was a concert in Berlin by a famous musician/singer. This artist sold about 350,000 tickets to his concert. That's right! 350,000 people were at the concert! That is

5 TIMES

the amount of people that live in Eau Claire!!!



This is the longest bathroom line ever!



Every sports team has **Fans** and **Followers**. But, did you know that you can also be a **Fan OR Follower** of Jesus? Jesus, really isn't into **Fans** so much; Jesus wants **Followers**. Jesus isn't looking for **Fans** who just sit and cheer—and say they are **Fans!** Those people walk away from Jesus when things get hard.

He is looking for people who will get into the game—follow Him and do the hard work he has asked us to do and truly know HIM. Our devotionals during this series are going to look a little different. We have designed them to help you dig deep and really ask yourself, "Am I a **Fan** or a **Follower** of Jesus?"



You will need your Bible and maybe a journal for this devotional.

OPEN THAT BIBLE!

1

This week we learned about

Matthew 7:1-5

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others.

The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.

And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, "Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye," when you can't see past the log in your own eye?

Hypocrite!

First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

2

Look up these scriptures

Luke 6:37

Romans 14:4

James 4:12

3

Ask yourself...

Am I being quick to judge others, without knowing their full story or circumstances?

Am I holding others to a higher standard than I hold myself to?

Am I focusing too much on other people's faults and sins, while ignoring my own?

Am I being hypocritical in my behavior, saying one thing and doing another?

Am I willing to forgive others and give them a chance to change, just as I would want for myself?

JOURNAL TIME

Day 1: Think about a time when you judged someone else. Write about what happened, who was involved, and how you felt. Be honest with yourself and try to remember any thoughts or feelings you may have had.

Day 2: Write about what you could have done differently in that situation you wrote about yesterday. Think about how you could have been kinder, more understanding, or more forgiving. Write down any specific actions or words you could have used.

Day 3: Think about a time when someone judged you unfairly. Write about what happened, who was involved, and how you felt. Remember the emotions you experienced and try to put yourself in that moment.

Write about how it felt to be judged unfairly. Did it hurt your feelings? Did it make you angry or sad? Reflect on these emotions and try to understand why you felt that way. .

Day 4: Think about how you can treat others with kindness and understanding, even when you don't agree with them or like what they are doing. Write down any practical steps you can take to show more compassion towards others.

Day 5:

Draw a picture of yourself treating someone else kindly or forgiving them for something they did wrong. Use your coloring pencils or markers to add colors and details to your drawing.