

Leader's Guide

Great Disciples: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

John 1:35-42

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Opening

Share briefly about a time you started something new (fitness routine, hobby, job, etc.). What was easy at first? What required ongoing commitment?

Discussion Questions

1. Starting Point vs. Journey

Think back to when you first decided to follow Jesus. In what ways have you grown since then, and where do you sense God inviting you to take a next step right now?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What helped you grow the most in your faith since that decision?
- Have there been seasons where you felt “stuck”? What contributed to that?
- What might a “next step” look like for you personally?

Scripture Support:

- Philippians 1:6 – God is faithful to complete the work He started

2. “What do you want?”

Jesus asked His first disciples, “*What do you want?*” How would you honestly answer that question today? What does your answer reveal about your priorities or spiritual hunger?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What competes for your attention or desire right now?
- How do your daily habits reflect what you truly want?
- How can you realign your desires with Jesus?

Scripture Support:

- Matthew 6:21 – “Where your treasure is...”
- Psalm 37:4 – Delight yourself in the Lord

Leader Notes:

- If people struggle to answer, suggest thinking about time, energy, and focus as clues.
- Gently redirect overly “churchy” answers toward honesty.

3. Areas of Conformation

The message talked about being shaped like clay in the potter’s hands. What is one area of your life where you sense God is trying to reshape or refine you right now? What makes that area difficult to surrender?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What fears or hesitations come up when you think about surrendering that area?
- Have you experienced God reshaping you before? What was that like?
- What would trusting God in this area actually look like this week?

Scripture Support:

- Jeremiah 18:1-6 – The potter and the clay
- Romans 12:2 – Be transformed by the renewing of your mind

4. Becoming Like Jesus

Looking at the description of Jesus (patient, kind, not self-seeking, etc.), which one quality do you most want to grow in? What is one practical way you could intentionally practice that this week?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What situations tend to challenge you most in this area?
- Who in your life models this quality well? What can you learn from them?
- How can the group help encourage or hold you accountable?

Leader Notes:

- Help participants move from abstract (“be more patient”) to concrete (“pause before responding to my kids”).
- Remind the group: this is a process, not perfection.

5. Sharing Your Faith

Andrew immediately went and told someone about Jesus. Who is one person in your life you could begin praying for or intentionally engage in a spiritual conversation? What is one simple step you can take this week to move toward that?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What makes sharing your faith feel intimidating?
- What's a natural way to bring up your faith in conversation?