

## **Follower, March 19/20-April 9/10**

**Series Focus:** Helping people move from belief in Jesus to following Jesus

**Series Feel:** Inspirational to action, challenge people to step beyond belief to follow him (live it out) in some way

**Series Tagline:** Jesus' life changing invitation for you

**Why are we doing this series?** No matter where we are on the journey, there are times for each of us where Jesus becomes more than just a name. This could be early on when we haven't yet surrendered our life to him. It could also be later in our journey when he shows us where we still need to truly follow him. Following is an on-going surrender to who Jesus is and trusting what he says in every area of our life.

**Invite Pitch:** Why do we follow someone? We hear it all the time - follow me on Insta, do you follow him on TikTok, but why do we do it? We follow some to see the next outrageous thing they'll do, and others because they inspire us; but what about following Jesus? Some 2000 years ago, Jesus said some pretty crazy things and did some pretty wild stuff. His invitation was always - will you follow? Fast forward to today and the question remains the same for every single one of us. Some believe, others follow, and some walk away. Through this series, we'll look at 4 peoples' lives as captured in the pages of Scripture to see what happens when Jesus becomes more than just a name.

**Theme Verse:** Luke 9:23-24, Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

### **Weekly Topics\*:**

#### **Week 1, March 19/20: Ben Snyder, Who Jesus Is**

Bottom line idea: Who does Jesus say he is (lord, lunatic, liar)

Scripture: John 1

#### **Week 2, March 26/27: Josh Whitlow, Peter**

Bottom line idea: Obedience to following Jesus

Scripture: Luke 5

#### **Week 3, April 2/3, Ben Snyder (via video), Jesus with the Rich Young Ruler**

Bottom line idea: Following Jesus will force us to confront the good things we've made as ultimate things.

Scripture: Matthew or Luke

#### **Week 4, April 9/10 (Palm Sunday), Barb Roose, Woman at the Well**

Scripture: John 4

### **Next Steps**

- Read the book of John Monday-Friday using the provided John reading plan
- Engage with The Chosen, Season 1 (on our app)
- Invite to Easter, Top 5 card

### **How are we measuring success (and how did we get there)?**

- 1) Engagement in text in campaign to read the book of John using our existing John reading plan

- Goal 550 participate
- 2) Track engagement in Season 1 of the Chosen available through our app
- 3) Easter invites (goals captured on that vision doc)

**Ministry Calendar and Holidays:**

- Group Leader Training - March 26/27
- Camps Price Break - March 31
- Baptism - April 2
- Prayer Night - April 4
- DreamTeam Team Meetings - April 6-beginning of May
- Second Sat Serve - April 9

**Series resources****Fam Min****KIDS**

Start Here Parent Guide. A conversation guide to introduce your child to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with Him. <https://creekhelp.com/ministries/kids/#kidsstarthere>

Know God Devotional - An elementary devotional to help your child Know God more.  
<https://store.thinkorange.com/products/know-god-a-28-day-devotional-experience-for-kids>

**STUDENTS**

Season 1 of The Chosen available through our app