



Jesus Leads: Followers | April 1, 2020

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

It may sound obvious, but one of the key characteristics of leadership is followers. Jesus taught us a lot about collecting and inspiring followers.

Key Verses

Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Discussion

Many of us want to be leaders because it is accompanied with the impression of a title of prominence and achievement. However, leadership is not built on title, and desiring to be a leader does not necessarily mean you will have followers. If you rely solely on your aspiration for leadership, you will find that the journey may be lonely and void of followers.

1. What are some examples of good real-life mentor/mentee relationships?
2. Do you have any examples of things you have learned from someone else or vice versa?

Good leaders leverage their relationships in order to make an impact on their community. The key is that relationships don't just happen. People don't typically seek you as a leader, you take initiative, invest in relationships, and then have the opportunity to influence them. Leaders have to earn the right to be heard.

3. What are some characteristics of leaders you follow or want to follow? What attracts you to a leader?
4. Is there anything that you can see in your life that currently has you falling short of the leader you want to be? Are you going to people? Are they following?

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says, “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” By applying this same mindset of leadership, imagine how this technique might benefit your own life and the lives of the people around you.

5. How might your efforts in building relationships improve? What might it look like to “go and make disciples” in your life?
6. What are some things that you can teach, show, or inspire/empower the people in your life?

What's Next?

Leadership give us the ability to influence the lives of those around us. It's not about what leadership can do for us, but what it can do in the lives of others. The big question for each of us is are we doing the work to earn relational trust and what are we influencing people to do or be. This week ask yourself the following questions:

1. Are you continuing to engage and invite your followers to make positive impact and change?
2. Who are some people that you could invest in to build relational influence?

You can find a template of our 5-minute faith journal at faithinfive.com to further engage your goals and connect them with your faith.