



AND: Lead AND Follow | August 30, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Life is full of choices, but it doesn't always have to be either/or. There are some times that it can be both/and.

Key Verse

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Discussion

Often times when we talk about the choices we have in life, we make them an either/or proposition. Some of the best things in life: chocolate & peanut butter, spoon & fork, or phone & ipod. Some of the best taste combinations, inventions, and career options come when the choice isn't either/or, but rather both/and.

1. What are some of your favorite combinations?
2. Can you think of any other things in life that might be better with a blend rather than a forced choice?

Leadership and following are often times viewed as mutually exclusive. Unfortunately, following is often portrayed negatively. The truth is that great leaders are usually also great followers. We often begin leadership pursuits by following a mentor and continue to lead well when we humble ourselves enough to continue to follow.

3. Can you recall a time in your life when you benefited from being a follower?
4. If you have benefited from following, did it improve your leadership ability? How?

When Jesus called his disciples he asked them to follow him and lead others. Jesus does not ask us to be leaders or followers, he calls us to lead AND follow.

5. In your life, who do you lead? Who do you follow?
6. What are some ways you can be sure to incorporate both leading and following in your life?

What's Next?

This week as you live out your faith and think through how you are going to engage God in your life, consider how you are following and how you are leading. Make a list of the people you follow. Set some goals of how you will grow in your leadership of others.