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Part 1: Completely Committed Follower

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

Jesus has something to say about us being fully committed, totally on-board followers of Him. He makes some sobering and startling statements about what that looks like. We have been called out of the crowd and into the action.

[Luke 9.23]

If anyone wants to be my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.

[John 6.1]

After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wher-

ever he went, **because they saw his miraculous signs** as he healed the sick.

Jesus wasn't concerned about drawing, or keeping, a crowd. Jesus is more concerned with your commitment than your comfort.

[John 6.3-10]

*Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration. Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" Then months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" and Jesus said. **"Tell everyone to sit down."***

[John 6.14-15]

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!" When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away in the the hills by himself.

[John 6.24-26]

*Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, **"Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill."***

[John 6.30-31]

They answered, "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, 'Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

[John 6.35-36]

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me."

[John 6.51]

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh."

[John 6.52-53]

Then the people began arguing with each other about what he meant. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they asked. So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you."

[John 6.60]

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching, who can accept it?"

[John 6.66-69]

After hearing these teachings, many of His disciples walked away and no longer followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned and said to the twelve, "Do you want to walk away too?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

When you unfollow Jesus, you end up following something else.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some different motivations that people have for coming to church?**
- 2. Why did Jesus preach in such a way to separate fans from followers? What was he concerned about for you?**
- 3. What are some decisions that you have had to make in order to be fully committed to the Lord?**
- 4. Have you ever hit a place in your faith where you asked yourself, "Should I stay, or should I go?" What factors influenced your decisions?**
- 5. What do you think Jesus will "make you," if you completely yield to Him in how you live? What version of you is waiting on the other side of obedience?**