

MESSAGE GUIDE

Discipleship Series

Jesus: Fan or Follower



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CONNECT

- People can be fans of sports teams, music groups, ministries or movie stars. Would you say you are a fan of anything?

STUDY

We are starting a new series on the topic of discipleship! It's a journey into discovering what Jesus really meant when He uttered the words, "Follow Me!" A series like this will demand a bit of introspection and evaluation on our part. We should try to be honest with where we are and where the Bible says we should be!

- Read the words of Jesus found in Luke 9:23. Many have described this as Jesus' call for people to understand the cost of discipleship. What does Jesus say? What does Jesus mean?
- Take a look at Matthew 23:1-13. What is the overall point of this parable? Which of the soils is productive? What is the problem with the other three soils? How did Jesus describe the three problematic soils? What do you think Jesus wants us to think about when hearing or reading this parable?

APPLY

- What is meant when the Bible uses the word "disciple"?
- Why is growing as a disciple to Jesus often difficult? What are some of the hurdles and obstacles that prevent us from fully following Jesus as our Lord?
- What excuses have you used in the past in order to not fully obey Christ's teachings and instructions?
- How might your life change if you fully surrender to Jesus' invitation to follow Him?
- In your own words, what does a disciple act like?