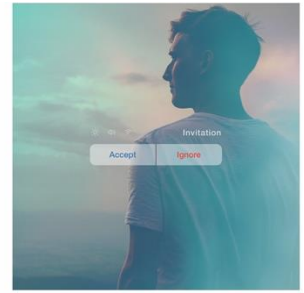


Follow Me

Throughout the gospels, there are many places where Jesus calls or invites us to something, but He leaves it up to us to decide whether we'll accept His invitation or ignore it. Let's look at five invitations Jesus extends and ask ourselves how we'll respond



INTRODUCTION

“Follow me” is a reminder that God chose us first and for us to follow Him daily. John 1:43-51

STARTER QUESTION

1. What process do you typically use when you have to decide upon a difficult issue in your family or work?

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2. In John 15:16 Jesus says, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.” Pastor David pointed out that Jesus makes the first move in the relationship when Jesus says, “Follow me.” Additionally, In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Who do you need to love today? What would Jesus have you do?
3. The Scriptures give many examples of people who left their old lives behind to follow Jesus. Who comes to mind? Do you know of any modern day examples of people who have left behind their old lives to follow Jesus? What do you need to leave behind to follow Jesus?

APPLICATION

4. Have you ever talked with someone who claims to be an atheist and outwardly rejects following God? How might you use what Pastor David said to witness to this person?
5. When talking about what it looks like to ‘almost follow’ Jesus, Pastor David gave examples of stopping following Him when life gets hard, or only chasing after Him when life gets hard. Do you relate to either of these tendencies? Would you be willing to share an example?

PRAYER

Guide me, Father. Thank you for choosing me. Thank you for helping me to leave my old life to follow you. Thank you for guiding me through difficult decisions. I want to be like you and to actively listen to you. Help me to submit to your plan for me. I trust in you. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.