



PASTOR BOB  
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**“FAN or FOLLOWER?”**  
*Jesus Thins the Crowd*  
MARK 2:13-17

- “Fans and Followers”
- What is a “Follower” according to Jesus?

*A Follower of Jesus...*

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ **JESUS**, \_\_\_\_\_ **JESUS**  
*Follow me and be my disciple. MATTHEW 20:26; MATTHEW 10:38; JOHN 6:66*

*Jesus is not looking for great \_\_\_\_\_ as much as faithful \_\_\_\_\_.*

**“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”**

~DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, *The Cost of Discipleship*

*A Follower of Jesus...*

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2. **LEAVES SOMETHING** \_\_\_\_\_ *So Levi got up and followed Him.*

*Sometimes It's Our...*

- \_\_\_\_\_ MARK 1:17, 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ MATTHEW 19:21
- \_\_\_\_\_ MARK 1:19, 20; MATTHEW 10:37

*All the Time It's Our...*

- \_\_\_\_\_ MARK 8:34; GALATIANS 2:20

*A Follower of Jesus...*

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3. **HELPS** \_\_\_\_\_ **FOLLOW** MATTHEW 4:19; MARK 2:15

- *Others who know they* \_\_\_\_\_ MARK 2:16, 17
- *Others who are* \_\_\_\_\_ **by God** JOHN 6:65

**LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES**  
**“FAN or FOLLOWER?”**  
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**GETTING STARTED** *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on what it means to *follow* Jesus as opposed to being a *fan* of Jesus. Of anything you remember, was anything helpful, unsettling, or questionable?
2. What makes a great fan of baseball? What is the primary difference between being a great fan and being a great follower?
3. Why does Jesus want great followers, and not just great fans?
4. Why do most people prefer to be an enthusiastic fan rather than a dedicated follower? Have you ever had to leave something behind to follow Jesus? Explain.

**GOING DEEPER** *“According to the Bible...”*

*Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading*

- **Read John 8:12.** What is an immediate benefit of following Jesus? What is the benefit of having the *“light of life”*?
- **Read Matthew 16:24, 25.** To follow Jesus, He said we must *“take up our cross”*. What does this mean? Do the other phrases in the verses help explain the meaning? How do we *“hang on to our life”* and *“lose it”*, and *“give up our life”* and *“save it”*?
- **Read Matthew 19:27-29.** What does Jesus say is the reward for people who follow Him? Is that worth it to you?
- **Read John 21:20-22.** Why is it not wise to compare our path for following Jesus with the path of others? Regarding following Jesus, what things are similar for all believers, and what things might be different?
- **Read John 15:4.** What does Jesus say is required if we want to be fruitful in helping others follow Him? What does it mean to *“remain”*, *“abide”*, or *“stay joined”* with Jesus?

**LIVING OUT**

- What specific action steps do you believe God is leading you to do to become a better follower of Jesus?