

## Guide for Growth Group Hosts Follow Jesus (You Were Made For This)

### THINK ABOUT IT

What impacted you the most from the message this week? Share it with the group.

### MAIN GROWTH GROUP SCRIPTURE

*Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come and see," he said...*

**John 1:38-39 (NLT)**

### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- Jesus used the phrase "Come and See" and "Come, follow me" in the New Testament. What do you think He meant? What does this mean for you as you encourage others to follow Christ?
- (Read the Verse Below) It's important to realize that we are God's masterpiece. We are not a mistake or here by chance. God created us with a plan and a purpose. What would you say to the person that felt guilty about the past mistakes in their life as it relates to this verse?

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)***

- (Read the Verse Below) God has been planning for you for a long time. How does it feel knowing that God has been thinking about you for a long time? What does this tell us about God? What does it tell us about His love for us?

*Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)***

- (Read the Verse Below) What God wants to do in my life, only He can do. We sometimes think we can fix everything in our life on our own. Think of a time when you tried to fix your own life and the result. Did you make your life better or worse?

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- (Read the Verse Below) If you want to follow Christ, you must follow the example set by Christ as illustrated in the Bible. In your personal life, why do you sometimes chose to follow your own desires instead of doing what the Bible indicates you should do? What can you do to more closely follow the instructions in the Bible?

*“Someone may say, “I am a Christian; I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ.” But if he doesn’t do what Christ tells him to, he is a liar.” 1 John 2:4 (TLB)*

- (Read the Verse Below) As we follow Christ, it’s important that we demonstrate our changed life. How are you demonstrating your changed life on a daily basis?

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ... 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NLT)*

- Declaring your decision in Christ publicly is another step in following Christ. How can someone declare their faith publicly? How have you declared your faith publicly?

*“Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10:32-33 (NLT)*

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

Select at least 2 people from the group. In this example, have one person share their story of how Christ changed their life. Next, have the other person share their story.

### **DIVE DEEPER**

**Go deeper during the week!**

- A great way to dive deeper and learn more about Jesus is by reading **God’s Word** daily. Commit to reading for at least 5 minutes per day to start. Here is a bible reading guide to help you take your next steps in that area: <https://experienceheritage.org/next-steps/read-the-bible>
- Read the **daily devotionals** each day found at [www.experienceheritage.org/blog](http://www.experienceheritage.org/blog). You can sign up to have them delivered daily to your email inbox by clicking here: <http://experienceheritage.org/Devotionals>.

- During your daily quiet time with God, read this **memory verse** and think about its meaning:

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- **Watch the messages** online at [www.experienceheritage.org/messages](http://www.experienceheritage.org/messages).

### **PRAYER GUIDANCE**

Pray for everyone in the group to follow the example set by Christ in their daily lives. Pray that everyone will have boldness in sharing their faith with others.