



Sunday Sept 8, 2019 – Bruce Enns

“Know Who You Follow”

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

(These are to be used personally, with family or with your Small Group)

“Follow Me” is an invitation to living a life of daily response to Jesus. Following is at the core of discipleship. We follow a person, not a set of rules, as we grow as a disciple and also disciple others. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus gives many significant invitations to all kinds of people from all walks of life. It's an invitation that is personal, that is all encompassing, and one that will change and transform your life forever. This fall we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus, using the lens of our practical discipleship steps. This invitation is also for you - join us as we follow Jesus.

1. What's one of the best questions you've ever been asked? Why was it so challenging or provocative for you? Who is someone who asks good questions in your life?
2. READ Luke 9:18-20. After asking a more general question, Jesus asks a very personal and powerful question of his disciples - "who do you say that I am?" Why is this question so important in our ability to follow Jesus?
3. As you continue to read this passage in Luke (vs. 21-27) what does Jesus require of those who follow him? Why is the identity question of Jesus so important as you read this part of the text?

Throughout this series, we'll once again unpack four aspects of discipleship that help to capture some critical things at the core of discipleship.

- to experience and model the love of Jesus
- to be intentional in creating community where discipleship can happen
- to simultaneously serve others and proclaim the hope and promise of the gospel
- to train one another in this obedience to following Jesus

4. If you've begun to understand and incorporate these more and more into your life, which one has been the most significant for you and why? Which one is most challenging? Which one have you grown the most in through this past year?
5. Hebrews 1 is a remarkable text where God (the Father) himself, answers the question of 'who is Jesus'? READ this chapter in a couple of different translations. What are characteristics of Jesus that are drawn out in vs. 1-4?
6. READ vs. 5-13. What is said about angels in this text? How is Jesus compared to angels? Write down a list of summary statements that God himself says about Jesus, from vs. 5-13, of who Jesus is and what he has done. What stands out to you from this list?

Next Steps:

What have you learned about Jesus today? Take time in your group to worship Jesus through prayer and song, praising him for who he is and what he has done. Pray for one another in this invitation for discipleship and following him.