



## WEEKEND RESOURCES | FEBRUARY 25, 2024

### Week Three | Following Jesus

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** The Eastern Hills mission is to invite everyone to experience that following Jesus Makes Life Better. Sometimes, we confuse following Jesus with knowing information about him, which prevents us from understanding who he is and how we are to try to live and love like Jesus.

#### » Main Points

- Inviting everyone to Experience that **Following Jesus** Makes Life Better.
- None of us are perfect, but we are perfectly loved.
- Following Jesus means trying to LIVE like him and trying to LOVE like him.

#### » Getting Started

- What is the difference between knowing about someone and following them?

#### » Observation

- Read and reflect on [John 14:6](#); [Luke 23:34](#); [Matthew 19:14](#); [Amos 5:24](#); [Isaiah 40:4-5](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

#### reachout

- Jesus is amazing, yet some people have so much hurt and pain from organized religion they want nothing to do with it. However, many of them are still interested in Jesus. When your conversations turn to faith, make sure you talk about Jesus. What he cared about, who he spent time with, what he taught. Also, live those things out to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers; you represent Jesus to everyone around you.

#### growdeep

- One of the most foundational questions we must ask ourselves as a follower of Jesus is, “*Who do you say Jesus is?*”. Take a few moments to reflect on that question and how you would respond.
- What is most difficult for you to believe about Jesus? How do you navigate that tension?
- Sometimes, we want the BETTER life with Jesus without the FOLLOW. How has FOLLOWING Jesus made your life better?
- To follow Jesus, you have to know him. What one step can you take this week to help you know him more? Reading your Bible? Praying? [24-hour Prayer and Fast?](#)

#### partner with families

- Love is a key marker when it comes to following Jesus, this week make a plan for each person in your family to show love to someone else. Kids could help a brother or sister with their chores, you could write a friend or family member a note letting them know how much you care, or schedule some time with a family member or friend to let them know you love them.

#### » Next Steps and Prayer

- “What you do with your life is not what defines you. Who you say Jesus is and what Jesus did with his life for you is what defines you?” How have you experienced this to be true in your life?
- Close by asking Jesus what it looks like for you to not settle for knowing about him and start to follow him.