



# LEADER'S NOTES

## Following Jesus

*Luke 9:23*

1. This week, we began a new sermon series on following Jesus. Question one very simply asks your group what they think it means to follow Jesus. You should take some time before the group and prepare yourself by having your personal answer. Some suggestions might include following Jesus reminds us that our faith is to be active, not passive. Following Jesus reminds us to seek Him first above all things in our lives. Following Jesus means taking up our cross, denying ourselves, and prioritizing him.

In the sermon this weekend I outlined four principles of following Jesus. Each of the following four questions deals with one of those principles.

2. John 10:27 introduces the first principle of following Jesus: He leads; we listen. This question allows your group members to share a time in their lives when they felt Jesus was leading them and they listened. I suggest you use this question to build the relationship between your group members as they openly share their experiences of hearing Jesus speak and following His lead.

3. John 14:27 brings us to the second principle of following Jesus: His pace leads to peace. This question deals primarily with the pace of life. Before leading this question I would suggest that you think through the pace of your life. This question will be especially relevant in our modern world. One of the questions raised is if Jesus is calling your group members to alter their pace. If the group collectively agrees, you should then lead a discussion about how one might change the pace of their life.

4. The third principle of following Jesus: He leads us to a purposeful destination. If we follow Jesus, we can be assured He is taking us to a purposeful destination. In this question, I also suggest some possible destinations. One is a season of healing from past wounds. Another possible destination is a new opportunity to serve and impact the lives of others. This question gives a second opportunity for your group members to share their experiences following Jesus.

5. The fourth principle of following Jesus reminds us that following Jesus calls for continual repentance. This last question deals with the idea of repentance and how following Jesus requires us to surrender to Him daily.