FOLLOW AFTER ME

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER

- Who is someone that you've been a fan of (currently or in the past), but perhaps not a follower?
- 2) What's one of the hardest things you've done in your life?

MESSAGE REFLECTION: Read together John 6:1-15, 22-60, 61-70

- 1) What is something from the sermon that stood out to you, convicted you, or encouraged you?
- 2) Share about a spiritual high point that you've experienced in your life.
- 3) Why can't spiritual experiences nurture or feed your soul in the long run?
- 4) What's an example of a hard teaching that Jesus/the Bible commands? Why do you think people happily follow "easy" teaching or commands, but struggle with following hard teaching?
- 5) How does the disciples' response in vss 67-69 help us understand how we too can follow Jesus regardless of the difficulty of the teaching or life situation?

GOING DEEPER

READ - Proverbs 3:5-6 together

- 1) How is trust the same as belief, but also different?
- 2) How does submitting to God "in all your ways" help you navigate difficult teaching or situations in life?
- 3) What does "making your paths straight" mean? Do you think it describes the process of holiness or happiness?

READ - Hebrews 11:7-9 together

- 1) What is something that stands out to you from this passage?
- 2) How do you think these heroes of the faith felt when God asked them to do the things he asked them to do? Why do you think they did what God asked them to do anyway?
- 3) How does the faith and actions of these heroes encourage you?

LIVING IT OUT

Meditate on the response of the disciples from John 6:68-69 this week and make it your prayer to God whether you're going through a high point or low point in your pursuit of Jesus.



PRAYER TIME – Pray for the needs and requests in your group.

JOHN WESLEY'S ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

(Feel free to use these as a guide, modify these or develop your own list)

- Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
- Do I pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence? Have I participated in gossip?
- Can I be trusted?
- Am I a slave to appearance, friends, work or habits?
- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or selfjustifying?
- Did the Bible live in me today?
- Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day?
- Am I enjoying prayer?
- When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
- Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
- Do I disobey God in anything?
- Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
- Am I defeated in any part of my life?
- Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
- How do I spend my spare time?
- Am I proud?
- Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
- Do I grumble or complain constantly?
- Is Christ real to me?