



Many of us are familiar with what Jesus said ... chances are we can even recite a verse or two ... We all know that it's much easier to say some of what He said than to do what He did. If life with Jesus is a race pushing on to win the prize, it's all too easy to walk, or even take a seat and just enjoy the view. Yet, Jesus lived a radical lifestyle one nobody would have anticipated for the Messiah. In this series we are exploring some of the distinctives of Jesus' life and as we do we will be challenged to actually go live the Jesus way.

The earliest Christians (translated "Christ-like ones") were often called "followers of the Way." What set them apart? What were they building? A culture ... A political mindset ... A moral code? And what about us ... What does it look like to follow The Jesus Way now? What exactly — and Who exactly — are we aligning our lives with? And what's His endgame?

- Open with prayer.
- If your groups is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

## **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

## REVIEW

Open your Bibles and read from **Matthew 4:12-25**.

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to follow Jesus? What do followers of Jesus turn from? And where do they turn to?
- How has Jesus brought light to your darkness? How can you join Jesus in bringing that light to others?
- How did the disciples react to Jesus' call? What did they leave behind? Have you had to leave anything behind to follow Jesus?
- What can change a nominal Christian into a true disciple?
- How does Jesus change our attitude, outlook, priorities, and goals in life?
- What are the costs of discipleship? What are the benefits?
- Is there an area of your life in which you are not following Jesus? How can you be following Jesus in this area this week?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

## PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.