

<u>Summer on the Mount | Following Jesus</u>

Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson on judging others? Who did you share the lesson with?

Opener

Can you describe a time in your life when you were a massive fan of someone or something? What were some of the things that would prove to someone your fandom?

Questions

In your own words, what are some of the key differences between a "fan" of Jesus and a "follower" of Jesus?

After you made the decision to follow Jesus, did you consider the cost of that decision (even if not right at the moment)? For those who answered "Yes", how did it impact your faith? For those who might not have thought about this, what are some of the costs you might run into?

How would you describe a follower of Jesus to someone who doesn't know Jesus? Who comes to mind as an example and why did you think of them?

What is one step in your calendar that you can do to prioritize your relationship with Jesus?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Colossians 1:6-10 (NLT)

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you. So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

What does this passage tell us about God?

- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?