

Getting into Our LivesGroup time - 15 minutes

1. What made you decide that Jesus was worth following? What costs did you have to count?

2. In what ways do you end up trying to fit Jesus into your agenda?

3. What is the “one more thing” that you want to focus on or do before you fully give yourself to Jesus?

4. What scares you about going “all in” on Jesus?

Getting Out the GospelGroup time - 5 minutes

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- 3** God won't let us rebel forever.
God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgment.

Hebrews 9:27 // *God's justice sounds hard. But...*

- 4** Because of His love, God sent His Son into the world:
the man Jesus Christ.
Jesus always lived under God's rule.
Yet by dying in our place He took our punishment and brought forgiveness.
1 Peter 3:18 // *But that's not all...*

Getting into PrayerGroup time - 10 minutes

Heavenly Father, magnify your Name in our hearts and in our world. Cause us to be in awe of Your Son, Jesus and to treasure Him above all others. Strengthen our faith so we may devote ourselves completely to You. Impress upon our hearts what You would have us do for Your Kingdom and carry us so that we have the power to do it. In Christ we pray, amen.

Deserving of All Devotion
Matthew 8:14-22

Q. How do you follow the Savior who can cast out demons and heal any disease?

I. The Savior Who Heals Many

Matt 8:14-17

II. The Savior Who Demands Complete Devotion

Matt 8:18-22

- A. *You count the cost, and give him your complete devotion immediately... you touch your world with the love and grace of Christ.*

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of May 6, 2018

Getting StartedGroup time - 15 minutes

1. Who is one of your favorite sports heroes? How well have you followed them? How far would you follow them?

2. What's on your "To-Do" List at home? Left undone, do any of these things make it hard for you to live your life?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting into God's WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read Matthew 8:14-17

1. Verses 14-15 gives us the third of three unique healings. What are they and how did they break boundaries?

2. Who else comes to Jesus? Why was this a fulfillment of scripture?

Read Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12

3. Matthew uses the healing of disease to point to Isaiah 53, but what does the rest of the chapter tell us about this coming Savior?

Read Matthew 8:18-22

4. Why would Jesus leave if there was still a crowd for him?

5. What is wrong with the scribe's desire to follow Jesus? How would you summarize Jesus' response? **See also: Luke 14:28-32**

6. What does Jesus mean by "Son of Man"? **See also: Daniel 7:13-14**

7. What is wrong with the disciple's request? What does it reveal about his allegiance?

8. Jesus' response sounds harsh, but what does it mean? What is Jesus looking for in a disciple?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

9. What else do we need to weigh when "counting the cost"? How does this passage encourage you to persevere?