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**Discipleship:
Who is
invited?**

**Deciding for
Discipleship**

**Discipleship:
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continue to
grow?**

MIDWEEK GUIDE

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Session 1: Discipleship: Who is invited?

1. How would you define disciple in your own words?

2. Read Matthew 4:18-20. What stands out to you about this verse? What words? What do you picture in your head?

3. What did Peter and Andrew decide for when they immediately put down their nets to follow Jesus? What is one thing that you need to let go of, or have already let go of, to follow Jesus?

4. What feelings would you have if a stranger came up to you and said, "Follow me"?

5. Do you consider yourself a disciple? Why or why not?

6. Have you ever thought of Jesus as your Teacher or Master? How is that different than thinking of Him as your Savior?

7. All people today are in a different position than the first disciples. We can learn all about Jesus prior to making a decision to follow Him. Why does it seem to be a much more difficult decision to make for people today than it was for the disciples with the little information they had?

8. How can you encourage others to become followers of Jesus?

9. Take a moment to reflect on something in you that might be “old” and think of what God might be asking of you in order to make it “new.” Share with the group.

Bible References

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Session 2: Deciding for Discipleship

1. Is deciding for discipleship a one-time decision or a journey that you continually have to choose?

2. “We cannot make the decision to be His disciple and then continue to live our lives the same way we did before.” Think about that for a minute. Why not?

3. Is making the decision to be a disciple of Jesus the same thing as believing in Jesus? Why?

4. Do you feel prepared to be a disciple of Jesus? What are some obstacles that might stand in your way?

5. Think of a teaching of Jesus that you are trying to be disciplined about in your life. Share with the group.

6. What is a gift or talent in someone else that you have seen them use in following Jesus?

7. What does it mean to you to become “the best version of yourself”?

8. How do you daily follow Jesus and prove that you stand for God?

9. How would you describe Jesus to someone who has never been introduced to Him?

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Session 3: Discipleship: How can we continue to grow?

1. How can you grow and develop as a disciple of Jesus?

2. Why is prayer important for a disciple?

3. What are some ways that you could create a quiet time to reflect and meditate on God?

4. Think back to the service on Sunday. What is one point that you could use to reshape your actions to look more like the actions of Jesus?

5. Why do you think community is important to being a disciple of Jesus?

6. Have the expectations of being a disciple ever been more than you could handle? How were you able to get through that time in your life?

7. When was the last time you told someone about your faith in Jesus? What did you say?

8. Why is suffering a part of discipleship?

9. As someone who is a disciple of Jesus, what are some ways to invite others to follow Him?
How can you encourage them to overcome their doubts and fears?

PERSONAL REFLECTION - Think about Philippians 1:27: Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. What do you think people see or hear when they look at your life? Would they know you are a disciple of Christ? What is one thing you can do this week to change or confirm that?

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