

Notification - Week 1 - "You have an invitation...to follow"

Welcome - When was the last time you had an invitation to something that excited you and when was the last time you have an invitation that had the opposite affect?!!

Word - Jesus invited people to follow him over 20 times in the Bible.

"Religion says change then follow, Jesus says follow then change"

• Why is this an important distinctive do you think?

Read Matthew 9 v. 9-13.

- What impacts you from this story?
- Who might you be in this story?
- What was it that first caused you to follow Jesus? What's your "follow" story?
- Jesus invites us to follow him into a life of relationship, journey and adventure. What do these 3 things say to you in your life right now?
- Which of these would you say you're experiencing the most right now?
- Which of these would you like to experience more than you are right now?

Read John 21 v. 1-19.

• For Peter it was failure and disappointment that stopped him following Jesus, what are some other reasons people stop following?

"The key to following is not your last step it's your next step"

- What is the significance of this statement do you think?
- What does this statement mean to you right now?
- If you were to "define your relationship" with Jesus right now, would you say you're following at a distance, following closely or not following at all or something else?

Finish by praying for one another that we would each live by the daily prayer, "Lord where you lead, I will follow"

Part of the focus of this series is the power of invitation we each have at our disposal...

Who are you praying for that doesn't know Jesus and what are you inviting them to? Pray for those people by name, hold each other accountable and together let's use the power of invitation!

