



The Way - The Invitation to Follow Jesus

Icebreaker:

1. What smell, image, or sound triggers nostalgia for you?
2. What is the best topping for ice cream?

Summary:

Jesus invites each of us and every human being alive to follow him just as he invited his first followers. Jesus invites us to give all that we know about ourselves to all that we know of Him. The first time we said yes to his invitation to follow was life-changing and important. It's the beginning of a journey during which we will receive many more invitations to follow him in obedience, surrender, loving others, surprises and learning. He puts all kinds of invitations into my life as I journey on the way of following him.

We take this journey with him and continue to learn about ourselves and about God. We strengthen ourselves for this journey by putting certain practices into our lives that help us slow down. The practice I will urge us to engage is daily surrender to Christ's new invitation as we work to be with Jesus, be like Jesus and do like Jesus did.

Engage the Bible:

Luke 9:28-36 - Read the passage aloud as a group. Discuss what sticks out to you in this passage. If you were one of the disciples, what would you think about witnessing Jesus with Moses and Elijah? Other passages to read alone or as a group:

- Matt 4:18-22
- John 10:10

Small Group Questions:

- In what ways do you think of your faith as a life-long journey of following Jesus?
- What is your earliest memory of accepting an invitation from Jesus (choosing to follow him)?
- What is a recent invitation that Jesus invited you into? What makes you think this is an invitation from him?
- How do you best discover what Jesus may be inviting you into?
- What hesitations normally come up that cause you to not accept new invitations from Jesus?