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Week 1 Sermon Notes & Small Group Study

Week One: Following

John 10:14-15: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Sermon Notes

Generosity Prayer Prompt

Take a moment to pray:

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I want to follow You.

I want my money to follow You.

I am listening to You. Tell me what You want me to do and I will do it. I trust You.

Responding to the Message

- **Journal.** Fill in this sentence. If you are so moved, feel free to write more.

"I feel _____ about _____ because _____."

- **Share.** Share one big idea from this week's message with a friend, someone in your small group, or on social media.

- **Table Talk.** At a meal this week, discuss: What is one way you want to better follow Jesus?

Week One: Following - Small Group Study

Opening Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen

Opening Question: Who do you like to follow on social media, political/news commentators, sports analysts, etc.? Why do you like them? What kind of influence do they have on you?

Scriptures: Read the following Scripture passages. What is one thought or idea from this week's Scripture passages that especially intrigues, provokes, challenges, or encourages you?

1 John 3:1-2 [1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

John 10:11-18 [11] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [12] He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. [13] He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. [14] I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, [15] just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. [17] For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. [18] No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Questions:

Which best describes your personality in general:

- a leader?
- a follower?
- a wanderer?

Why do you say that?

Which best describes your spiritual life? Are you:

- a leader?
- a follower?
- a wanderer?

Why do you say that?

Our readings this week tell us to “Know Him, Hear Him, See Him.”

For you, what are some things that make it hard to follow Jesus?

What would it take to remove them?

What have you known, heard, and seen in Jesus that make following Him so compelling?

What would help you know, hear, and see Him more?

Jesus calls you to follow Him. But as you follow Him, He also calls you to lead others so that, by following you, they are also following Him.

Who are some of the people He wants you to lead and influence?

What do you believe He is trying to do through you for them?

How might you need to "lay down your life" and sacrifice your wants and needs to do this effectively?

Respond: Take 5 minutes this week and sit with the Lord in silence with this request: "Jesus, show me how I can follow you more closely." Then journal what you heard.



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