

COME FOLLOW ME - Week 1

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

The great toilet paper debate – are you an over or under roller?

If you had to host the prime minister for dinner at your house, what would you cook?

Matthew 4:19 ^{NIV} says: "'Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Primarily Jesus wants us to be fishers of men – in other words to bring people to Him! What does the word 'evangelism' mean to you?

How do you think you would measure success in evangelism?

Salvation is an event, whereas evangelism is a process. Oftentimes, we may have thought we are responsible for the entire process – however this is a mistaken view. Check out **Matthew 13:3-9**. This is a behind the scenes view of what happens when we share God's word. What does this story say to you about evangelism? What is your role in this process?

Through this story, Jesus was giving his disciples a model for sharing the good news. Check out the explanation Jesus gives in **Matthew 13:18-23**. Firstly, the seed (message) and the sower (messenger) don't change in all four accounts. It is only the soil that changes. Why is this significant?

Evangelism is not just about scattering seed, but about preparing the soil. It's a process! How do you think we can prepare soil – preparing people's hearts to receive the good news about Jesus? What place does prayer have in this process? What strategies do you use to bring people closer to Jesus?

Did you know that 85% of people make decisions to follow Jesus through a friend – evangelism is relational! Why do you think this is important? How can we be authentic in our relationships without turning people into a “project” but still sharing about Jesus?

How would you rate yourself as an evangelist? What are some of the things that hold you back? What are some of the things that help you to have a go? What could be your next step in growing as a messenger of the good news?

PRAYER

Pray for boldness, courage and opportunities to share your story this week 😊

Pray for the people you are sharing Jesus with – that they would be closer along the process.