

Follow Me – Week 1
The Need for Discipleship – Scott Foster
Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach

Intro:

- What part of this week's message was the most challenging or interesting?

Starter:

- What was the last experience you had that showed you still have a lot to learn, whether at home, work, at church, or in any other area of life?
- What comes to mind when you think of "discipleship"?

Group Questions:

Read Matthew 4:18-20, Matthew 9:9, Matthew 16:24-25, John 12:25-26

- Based on these passages, what does it mean to follow Jesus?
- Does following Jesus mean we have to leave our jobs and responsibilities, as the first disciples did? Shape your answer from these passages or what you know of God's word.
- According to these passages is following Jesus easy?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- What does Jesus say has been given to Him (vs.18)? What does that require of us?
- What does Jesus command his disciples to do? How are they to do it? (vs.19-20)
- What encouragement are we given in the task of making disciples?
- Has the challenge to make disciples been encouraging or discouraging in your life? Why?
- Share some observations of how we could apply this passage. We usually think of cross-cultural missions; how about ways here at home, work or your neighborhood?

Close:

- Do you think about every single area of life when it comes to following Jesus? What is an area you struggle to follow Jesus?
- If helping others grow is a regular part of helping people become followers of Jesus how would this impact
 - Your daily schedule
 - How you approach going to church
 - Casual conversations with friends
 - Other areas in your life

Pray as a group to close your time together