

HANDOUT

REVIEW

Have you ever reached a point where, like Leslie, you wanted to “unfollow” Jesus? What happened to get you to that spot?

What is the most difficult part of following Jesus for you? What helps you when you feel discouraged in your walk with Him?

Matthew 26:56. Why did the disciples flee? How did the disciples have a human view of Jesus? In what ways do we fall into the same mindset?

In your experience, how has God used storm and suffering for your good? How did you feel towards God during the process?

Is it difficult for you to embrace Jesus’s love for you? Why or why not? How does His love increase your love for Him?

What are some ways you’ve put Jesus in a box? What might it mean to “unfollow” our human, made-up version of Jesus?

BIBLE EXPLORATION

John 14:15. When you hear, “keep Jesus’s commands,” what do you think of? Does it stress you out—as if you had a long list of things you have to do perfectly for Jesus—or make you want to rebel? Why do you think that is?

John 13:14–15. What is Jesus commanding in this passage? What could Jesus’s command mean for us today? Whom should we serve?

John 13:34–35 and John 15:12–13. What is Jesus commanding in these passages? What example of love does Jesus give in chapter 15? How did Jesus demonstrate this type of love to us?

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How have other Christians shown you the love of Jesus? How did their love impact you and your faith? What might it mean for us to lay down our lives for other Christians?

John 14:1, 12. What is Jesus commanding in these verses? What does it mean to believe in God? What evidence do you see in your life of your belief in God? How has your attitude changed? How do you treat people? What do you think about?

John 15:4–5, 9–10. What is Jesus commanding in these verses? What are some of the fruit of someone who loves Jesus? How else might it mean to abide in Jesus's love, practically speaking?

John 14:23. What is Jesus commanding in this verse? What does Jesus promise in this verse?

John 14:15–18. In your experience, how has the Holy Spirit helped you follow Jesus? How does the Holy Spirit's presence with us speak to both of those reactions?

Looking back over this series, what has been your biggest takeaway? What has God taught you? What is one practical way you could live out what you've learned in this series?

DEEPER WALK

Select at least one activity below to complete in the next week.

Read: Read chapters 11 and 12 from Leslie's book *Crossing the Waters*.

Study: Pick one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) to study over the next few weeks. Solidify what you learned in this study as you walk back through the life of Jesus.

Process: Get together with another group member this week and debrief about what God taught each of you through this study. Pick one way to apply what you learned and keep each other accountable to putting it to action.

Create: Make something to remind you of what you learned about Jesus through this series. Display your creation somewhere you'll see it.

Obey: Go back through the passages on Jesus's commands covered in this session. Choose one of His commands to live out this week—consider serving a difficult coworker, or specifically showing love to another Christian, or spending intentional time with God each day.