



# Discipleship is Relationship

**Main idea** Discipleship is Relationship with Jesus.

**Warm-up** What TV series do you follow?

## introduction

It's normal for us to follow popular trends. Example: Fashion (clothes, hairstyle, shoes, bags), Technology (Laptops, iPod, Cell Phones), Celebrities (Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Miley Cyrus)

Who/what we follow affects the way we live, that is why it is very important to be careful with who or what we follow. Jesus gave a word to us about following.

## Message

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said,  
"and I will make you fishers of men"*  
Matthew 4:19

Jesus said this as he invited a group of fishermen he saw along the shore. These fishermen eventually became his disciples. When he saw them, the first thing he did was to invite them to "follow him". Now, what does it mean to follow Jesus?

When Jesus said follow me, He doesn't mean following a religion or following a set of rules and regulations. It doesn't mean following a religious person. The call to follow is a call to be with him--to know him, walk with him and learn from him. It is having a personal relationship with Jesus.

## [Illustration]

A certain man who was a self-proclaimed "Beatles fan" (choose your own celebrity, students may not be able to relate anymore with Beatles) boasted that he knows almost everything about the band. He had a complete set of the popular British band's albums, movies, posters and even a collection of their concert memorabilia. He knows the facts about the life history of the Fab Four – their birthdates, concerts and even love life. But when asked if he knows the Beatles personally, his response was he doesn't. He doesn't know how they live their lives everyday. He doesn't know how each of them think or what they feel in their everyday lives. He doesn't even have a chance to talk with them. All he knows is confined on what he reads or what is being said about them, but in the personal level, he doesn't know them at all.

Attending church, knowing Bible trivia or knowing facts about Jesus is not enough. We need to have a personal relationship with Him.

## challenge

*Are you a fan or a follower?*

## Application Question

What are the things you need to do in order to be a follower of God?