



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired by the movie "The Follower"

INTRODUCTION

In *The Follower*, a man named Elisha finds himself at a painful spiritual crossroads after life-altering adversity shatters his lifelong ambitions. In search of hope, meaning, and direction, Elisha embarks on a haphazard road trip, unexpectedly joined by Elijah—a quirky, mildly obnoxious, yet self-sacrificing stranger who insists on traveling with him. Paralleling the Old Testament mantle passage of Elijah and Elisha, their misadventures, road obstacles, and run-ins with a local sheriff force Elisha to confront his deepest wounds. Through this journey, Elisha moves beyond nominal religion to learn what it truly means to follow Christ, illustrating the foundational truth that "God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. GOD QUALIFIES THE CALLED

- Elijah and Elisha seem like unlikely instruments for a divine mission. God does not choose or use people based on their innate merit, social status, or perfection, but equips those He calls for His purpose.
- How does Elisha's initial frustration with his own inadequacy reflect a misunderstanding of how God works through human weakness?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and 2 Corinthians 12:9. According to these passages, why does God choose the weak, foolish, or unrefined things of the world to fulfill His plans? How does this truth protect us from spiritual pride or self-reliance?



2. RELIGION VS. TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

- Throughout the film, Elisha is challenged to move past a passive, cultural belief in God and embrace an active, self-denying commitment to follow Jesus.
- What is the difference between simply knowing about God or attending church versus genuinely walking as a surrendered "follower" of Christ?
- Read Luke 9:23-25 and Matthew 7:21-23. How does Scripture define genuine, saving faith versus mere verbal profession or outward religiosity? What does daily cross-bearing look like in modern life?



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3. GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN UNWANTED DISRUPTIONS



- Elisha views Elijah as an annoying disruption to his personal plans, yet God uses Elijah's presence and chaotic circumstances to break through Elisha's hardened heart.
- How can unexpected setbacks, difficult people, or detours in life actually be divine appointments designed for our growth?
- Read Proverbs 16:9 and Romans 8:28. How does understanding God's sovereignty over our schedules change our attitude toward frustrating circumstances and difficult people?

4. RECONCILIATION AND RESTORATIVE GRACE

- Before Elisha can experience true peace and move forward, he must look back at the source of his deepest wounds and reconcile them under the grace of God.
- How does the cross change the way we process past disappointments, failures, and wounds?
- Read Genesis 50:20 and Ephesians 4:31-32. How does the gospel enable us to extend grace and forgiveness to others, even when past circumstances caused us profound pain?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

How might you apply the themes of trusting God's sovereign call, moving beyond nominal faith, and embracing divine disruptions in your own life?

Share specific ways you can stop relying on your own abilities and instead surrender completely to Christ's leadership. Who can you lead to Jesus by loving them and showing grace?



PRAYER

Praise God that His ways are not our own, and he often works through mysterious and mighty methods. Pray for those you know who hold a nominal faith, asking the Holy Spirit to awaken true discipleship, grant healing over past wounds, and equip them to serve faithfully. Close by individually lifting up your own needs, concerns, and praises to God.



CONCLUSION

The Follower shows us that being a disciple of Jesus is not about having all the right qualifications, but about having faith that we have a good God who has saved us, and who comforts and guides us through life's biggest sorrows. In the ups and the downs, we know that God is with us by His Spirit, and is refining us to become more like Jesus, so that we might share in his future glory.



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