

Sanctuary First

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Theme Summary

Following – More than Tweeting

"Follow me" are the words that started off the whole Christian movement and the last words spoken to Peter. The first disciples were known as "followers of The Way". Today Jesus has many followers across the world. But then so do many celebrities as people "follow" them on Twitter.

Item	Notes
VIDEO	<p>Follow Me</p> <p>Why would you follow? From dancing to caving to following directions, following is something we all choose to do at times. And sometimes as in the case of mountain climbing it's really important to do it carefully'.</p>
PRESENTER	<p>Setting context/story - Read John 21:1-14</p> <p>Imagine the scene. You're by a very large lake. It's warm in Israel. Sand. Water. Chuck pebbles in water. Make footprints in wet sand. Cook some fish and eat a little bread and fish. Read/tell the story of the disciples going fishing and breakfast on the beach thereafter</p>
GROUPS	<p>Tweeting in groups In groups, read John 21:15-22 and retell the story in tweets.</p> <p>(Example: We might tell the story of Peter and Jesus in twitter form.</p> <p>@peterfisherman Gone fishin! Hope we catch something</p> <p>@thomas I doubt it</p> <p>@apostlejohnboy Is that JC on the shore</p> <p>@thomas I doubt it</p> <p>@JC Hey boys. Try fishing on the other side. I'll get breakfast ready)</p>

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SHARING	Share the telling - Groups share with everyone
PRESENTER	<p>Twitter depends on people following. Indeed who you are, your character and interests can be picked up to an extent by whom you follow. Although some people complain about the banality of twitter and its like, you follow because something about the people you follow excites, interests or engages you and people who follow you have an interest in what you say and think.</p> <p>Whom do we follow? Celebrities, musicians, comedians, tv shows etc. Why do you follow? Where do they lead? How interactive is the experience? I may follow Barack Obama but that decision makes no difference to him. If I follow Jesus that has a profound effect on me but also on him. And Jesus does not 'unfollow'.</p>
DISCUSSION	Who do you follow/would you follow? Why?
VIDEO	<p>The Story of a Call</p> <p>Message: What meaning did that instruction 'Follow me' hold for Peter? Cartoon presentation starting with Peter and the other disciples being called, remembering some of the things that happened during the three years, ending with the Do you really love me? question</p>
ACTIVITY	Each individually write a prayer in 140 characters or less – pre-prepared paper- to reflect what following Jesus means here & now to themselves (cf Twitturgies by Gerard Kelly. Could have examples up around the walls etc)
SONG	Christ Tomlin - I will Follow, An Army of Ordinary People, etc.
PRESENTER	Invites the group to come together and in a semi circle share the Blessing twitter style.