

LifeGroup Meeting

Not A FAN 1

Get To Know You Question:

What are you the biggest fan of? Could be a sport, clothing, celebrity, etc.... Why does this make you a fan?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. The most important question you will ever answer in your life is: Are you are follower of Jesus Christ? Spend some time answering this question. Determine what measurements you use to get to your answer.
2. Someone read **John 3:1-3**
 - What kind of person was Nicodemus?
 - Why do you think he came to Jesus at night?
 - What does being "born again" mean to you? Why do you think Jesus said you cannot see the kingdom of God unless you are born again?
 - At this point in Nicodemus' life, was he just a fan or a follower of Jesus? Explain.
3. Someone read **John 7:50-52**
 - In **verse 50** it states that Nicodemus was "one of them." What does that mean?
 - It seems that Nicodemus is now willing to talk opening about Jesus, even at the risk of his career and relationships. What do you think makes a person go from being a fan to being a follower of Jesus?
 - Fans make a decision *for* Jesus but followers of Jesus have committed *to* Jesus. Why is this distinction so important? Where do you think you stand on this?
4. Someone read **Luke 7:36-48**
 - Jesus was invited to dinner with another Pharisee named Simon. What can you tell me about Simon from the text?

- Simon, because he was a Pharisee, would have known the Old Testament by memory. Do you think you could do that? If you did, how do you think you would feel...would you feel closer to God because you know the bible so well?
 - One of the most commonly known symptom of fandom is **not** knowing the difference between: Do I know about Jesus, or do I *know* Jesus. Where did Simon fit in this?
 - The word “to know” in Hebrew means YADA. It really means to know completely and to be completely known. It is seen in **Genesis 4:1** where Adam knew his wife Eve. When it comes to our relationship with Jesus, do we know completely and are we completely known by him? Explain.
 - i. I would assume most of us would say you cannot completely know Jesus, so do we use that as an excuse to even try?
 - ii. When the bible uses the word “know” it clearly means more than just knowledge. Why is this important to being a follower of Jesus?
 - Would you be able to do what this woman did by barging into a very religious man’s home to be in the presence of Jesus?
 - This woman was reckless, impulsive, and inappropriate. Yet, this is exactly the kind of followers Jesus wants. Do you agree with that?
 - How often have we mistaken knowledge of Jesus for intimacy with Jesus?
 - When was the last time we had a moment with Jesus like this woman did?
 - iii. When was the last time you poured yourself out to Jesus?
 - iv. When was the last time you expressed your love for Jesus?
5. Please know this, our little meetings with Jesus at night, where no one can see, can only take us so far. Our knowledge of Jesus without any real connection with him, can only take us so far. Fans do both. Unfortunately, Jesus is not looking for fans. What steps this week can we take to leave the arena of fandom and enter the intimacy of being a follower?
6. **Close in Prayer!**