

LifeGroup Meeting

Not A Fan 5
"It's Your Choice"

Get To Know You Question:

What do you think "That" is in Meatloaf's song, *I'd Do Anything for Love*, when he said, "but I won't do that"?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Someone read **John 3:16** and **Luke 9:23**
2. As we wrapped up this series, how would you authentically answer this question: Are you a follower of Jesus?
3. For most Christians, we will spend a lot of time going between being a fan and follower. Break down the following symptoms of fandom, and explain how these can affect our lives as believers in Jesus. Then explain how we can overcome these symptoms in our lives.
 - Fans seem to make a decision for Jesus, but not want to commit to Jesus?
 - Fans know a lot about Jesus, but they don't *know* Jesus.
 - Fans make Jesus one of many in their lives but not their one and only.
 - Fans are more concerned about the outside rather than the inside.
4. Pastor Scott mentioned that you cannot have **John 3:16** without **Luke 9:23**. Explain what you think he meant.
5. Summarize what you believe Jesus meant when he invites us to follow Him?
6. Share a crazy story of when you and your spouse were dating (keep it PG).
 - Now, share a crazy story about your relationship with Jesus?
 - i. Why do you think we have better stories of our love for our spouse than we do for our love for Jesus?
 - Do you think fans of Jesus are afraid of getting a little carried away, going crazy, and going all in with Jesus? Why or why not?

7. Someone read **Revelation 2:4-5**

- How have we forsaken our first love (Jesus)?
- What do we do when our faith in Christ is not what it used to be?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he tells us to “do the work you did at first”?
 - i. Why do you think it is important to go back doing the things you used to do when you were a genuine follower of Jesus?

8. **Luke 9:23** is an invitation that Jesus is offering to all of us. This passage is not a command. Jesus does not command us to follow him. Jesus does command us to do a lot of things, but he doesn't command us to follow him. Why do you think that is?

- Being a fan is so easy. It doesn't take any work, or sacrifice, and it sure doesn't cost us anything. But to be a follower, we need to make that choice daily. To daily take up our cross. What are some steps you can do each day to be a follower rather than a fan?
- If you had to choose today if you want to be a fan or follower, what would you choose? Explain why in detail?

9. **Close in Prayer!**