



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | FOLLOW

TITLE: WHATEVER IT TAKES

SCRIPTURE: MARK 2:1-12

One Thing Follow-up

Discipleship thoughts.

1. **It's all about Jesus.**
2. **The call to follow Jesus is a call to a service, sometimes we confuse following Jesus with being a fan of Jesus.**
3. **Following Jesus is lived out as a fellowship.**

Q. How would you sum up the 3 points above about discipleship?

Opening

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture.

Series Review

We are starting a new series called "Follow Me". We will use this series to help us to understand what it means to not only follow Jesus, but to be a true disciple. This series should help us to reexamine what it means to follow Jesus and commit to wherever it leads and whatever it costs.

Review the Message

Without faith, it is impossible to please God.

Q. Share how you have seen this truth played out in your life.

Read Mark 2:1-4

Q. Share a time when people or things have come between you and Jesus.

Q. How far have you had to go to help get someone to Jesus?

Read Mark 2:5

For Mark, faith is action-based rather than knowledge-based.

Q. When has faith become a catalyst for everything that you were doing?

Q. How has your definition of Christian maturity changed through the years? Has it?

Faith is first and foremost not knowledge about Jesus but active trust that Jesus is sufficient for one's deepest and most heartfelt needs.

In your life, is your faith seen in your actions? Are you concerned and intentional about getting your friends and loved ones to Jesus?

Q. What would it look like for your faith to drive you to take decisive action?

Can you identify three people that you will commit to try to bring to Jesus this year? You can't make the choice for them, but you gotta be willing to take a roof off.

Q. "Your sins are forgiven" what did you think when Jesus said this rather than healing him?

We tend to look at our/their scenarios and assume what would make things better.

Q. Share a time when this has been true for you.

No meaningful healing can take place without reconciliation with God. Without reconciliation to God, Jesus could have healed the man, so that he would be able to walk into hell.

Q. Are you willing to trust both yourself and your 3 friends to Jesus?

Mark 2:6-7

Q. Have you believed that a spiritual issue has caused a physical issue in your life?

Early in Jesus' ministry, the cross looms large.

Mark 2:8-11

Q. When did it first strike you that Jesus not only knew what the scribes were thinking, but also knew all of the man's sins?

Jesus doesn't stop the healing; he always does immeasurably more.

Q. Share how you have seen this to be true in your life.



**Living It Out
Application**

We follow Jesus by faith. Part of that commitment is persistently, even doggedly, planning and working to bring people we for, to Christ.

Who are your three? How will you remember them daily?

We have to be willing to trust them into Christ's hands. Trust him to do the right work.

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?