



Small Group Discipleship Guide

August 9: Ephesians 2:1-9 --- Follow Jesus

CONNECT

A few minutes of care, celebration, and prayer.

1. How have you seen God at work this week?
 2. What is one celebration and one challenge that we can pray about today? (*pray now*)
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REFLECT

Look back on how God worked through last week's commitments.

3. Last week, each of us committed to take one step of obedience. How did it go?
 4. Who were you able to encourage, serve, invite, or share with?
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DISCUSS

Read the primary Scriptures together.

5. We learned we have two choices to make regarding how we receive Jesus. What are they and how do they differ? Are one of those decisions harder for you to make than another?
 6. Those who decide to surrender to Christ are set in a new direction. Pursuit of this new path requires being "covered in the dust of your rabbi". What does that look like in your typical week? Where can you see room for growth?
 7. Read Luke 9:23. What is a sword you're tempted to hold above the water (referring to Dave's story about medieval soldiers in their mass baptisms)?
 8. Thinking of that sword, how can you follow Christ in greater obedience?
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RESPOND

Write these commitments down.

9. **Follow Jesus:** What is one step of obedience God is asking you to take this week?
 10. **Grow in Community:** How can this group pray for you, encourage you, or hold you accountable as you take that step.
 11. **Go on Mission:** Who is one person God is placing on your heart to encourage, serve, invite, or share Jesus with this week?
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