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Session 1: Follower

Key Scripture:

Opening Remarks:

In a world where we follow personalities, topics, and organizations on social media in a one-sided relationship, have we conditioned ourselves to misinterpret the meaning of a follower? In this first session, we will walk the path of a follower and discover what it means to be one.

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Questions:

1. What does it mean to be a follower?
2. What might cause someone to become a follower?
3. How do Christians become followers on a daily basis?
4. How are followers of Jesus Christ different from other types of followers?

Concluding Remarks:

Relationship is the foundation on which followers walk. Just as it is foolhardy to indulge in one-sided follower relationships through news and social media, it would be unwise to go through the motions of following Jesus Christ without seeking a relationship with Him.

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Session 2: Failure

Key Scripture:

Opening:

The mark of humanity—the thing that no successful relationship can forget to address—is failure. Failure is an unfortunate constant in the fallen human experience. Join us in this second session as we discuss how disciples deal with failure.

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Questions:

1. Perhaps today you are not struggling with a sense of failure, and yet all of us make mistakes in one way or another to differing degrees. How should we think about failure as disciples of Jesus Christ?
2. For the disciple who just fell, how do we keep our eyes lifted to where our help comes from?
3. For the disciple who got back up, how do we move forward from failure?

Concluding Remarks:

Perfect disciples do not exist. The only meaningful divide is between those who get back up from failure and those who choose to stop fighting. A relationship that is destroyed by a single failure means someone stopped fighting for the relationship. Broken things can be made whole again. To some, every failure is an opportunity to bail out; to others, failure is an opportunity to grow. What kind of disciple do you want to be?

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Session 3: Forgiven

Key Scripture:

John 21:15–17

Opening Remarks:

Forgiveness is the outstretched hand welcoming the disciple who fell to get back up. The journey changes disciples, and even though we never want to remember failure, the moments of forgiveness have the power to change us forever.

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Questions:

1. How should forgiveness change our mindset?
2. How should our encounters with forgiveness shape our interactions with other disciples?
3. What can we do to practically build on moments of forgiveness we have received?

Concluding Remarks:

The power of restoration is not that it resets everything to how things were before a fall, but it unlocks greater potential in our character. Those who have been forgiven much should be expected to forgive, humble themselves, and lean on God for strength more than ever before. Forgiveness opens doors to greater futures and builds our intimacy with and dependence on Jesus Christ.

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Session 4: Forward

Key Scripture:

Opening:

What do we do with a second chance? How do we make every moment matter? And how do we turn failure into victory? In this last session, we look at how to move our disciple journey forward.

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Questions:

1. What role does the Holy Spirit play in our discipleship journey?
2. How does God turn our past failures into future victories?
3. How can we make every moment of our discipleship journey matter?

Concluding Remarks:

In a stunning twist, the discipleship journey gives us the opportunity to repent of our failures and rise from their ashes with more love, power, and grace than ever before. Our darkest chapters become our war banners, declaring victory. Scripture says by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony we will overcome the adversary. This victory doesn't stop with us. The discipleship journey is contagious, and our mission is to spread it, bringing restoration and newness of life to everyone around us.

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