

Fan: an enthusiastic admirer. In the Gospels, Jesus never seemed too interested in fans. Is this how we want to define our relationship with Him? An "enthusiastic admirer"? Close enough to Jesus to get the benefits but not so close to require sacrifice? Jesus was looking for followers. Not just any follower though, but a **completely. committed. follower.** How would things change this year if the next generation of OASIS students lived as Jesus lived and loved the way He loved? This series will invite students and leaders to join the hundreds of people who have stepped across a line and said: **I am not a fan.**

The Point

Are you a fan or a follower?

Leader Guide

Use this guide to help your students start to think about the message. Don't feel like you have to get them to the right answers every time. Allow students to process and think for themselves. Don't feel like you have to read every question listed here—take into account the environment of your small group and choose ones from each section that you think would help them process the message the best.

Icebreakers

1. What is the craziest thing you've ever seen a fan do?
2. Who or what are you a fan of? Sports team? Celebrity? Band? Video game?
3. Share a DTR conversation you've been a part of (might want to leave out names).
4. Name someone that comes to mind when you think of a follower of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you think about the points The speaker made about the difference between being a fan or a follower of Jesus?
2. How do you think Jesus feels about people being a fan of Him?
3. Based on the way The speaker described it in the message, what are some ways you think you could tell the difference between a fan or follower of Jesus?
4. Read Luke 9:23 together. *Then he [Jesus] said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me." (NLT)* *What do you think Jesus means by "take up your cross daily"?*
5. Jesus said this before He ever carried the cross Himself. What do you think His followers must have thought about this statement?
6. How have the ideas in this message challenged your own relationship with God?
7. Are there any ways you want to live differently to be more of a follower of Christ?

Group Challenge

Challenge your group to watch for clues to determine which word best describes their relationship with Christ: fan or follower. Ask them to come back and share some of the insight they gained into their own walk with God. Challenge them have one thing to share next week that they did to follow Jesus that they didn't do the week before (or maybe ever)

