

Not a Fan Series

Notes

Blurb

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? This month we'll invite OASIS students to join the followers of Christ who step across the line and say: I am not a fan.

Series Description

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.

Leader Notes

The message behind this series has the potential to dramatically alter the course of OASIS students' lives. Why? Because it's the core of the gospel—Jesus Christ came to earth to invite us to follow Him and He gave His life to empower us to do it. Use the messages in this series to help students do some serious self-evaluation of their commitment level to Christ. Are they a fan or a follower? And if they have decided to follow Him, what will that look like and what might it cost? Wrestling with these questions is fundamental to having a thriving relationship with Christ as His follower, not just an enthusiastic admirer. Your goal throughout your discussion time, your communications throughout the week, and your challenges to them should be that they choose to truly become a fully devoted follower of Christ.

Week 1-Sidelines Cheerleading

The Point

Are you a fan or follower?

Teaching Points

The aim of this is to define the difference between a fan and a follower and to challenge students to self-diagnose which best describes them. I will introduce Luke 9:23 and set the whole series up. Are you cheerleading on the sidelines (no offense to cheerleaders) or are you playing in the game?

Week 2-From Head to the Heart

The Point

Do you know him, or just know about him?

Teaching Points

The aim of this is show that there is tendency to confuse knowledge and intimacy and to challenge the students to be sure they are not following religious rules or rituals but truly following after Jesus. Do you KNOW about Jesus or do you KNOW Jesus?

Week 3-One and Only

The Point

Is he one of many or your one and only?

Teaching Points

The aim of this is to make it clear that Jesus will not settled to be one of many in our lives and to challenge the students to follow him in all their ways instead of compartmentalizing their faith. Is Jesus your one and only or your one of many?

Week 4-Dang Thats a lot...

The Point

Does following Jesus cost you anything?

Teaching Points

The aim of this is show that most want to be close enough to Jesus to get the benefits but not so close that it costs them anything. I will quickly introduce the three wannabe followers at the end of Luke and examine their excuses. A lot of people want the benefits of the kingdom without the king. We will talk about true kingdom living.

7 Day Bible plan

There is a great 7 day bible devotional on the YOUVERSION bible app that you can use on your phone. I highly recommend asking your group who would want to do it. Basically, you would have a bible plan on the app and for 7 days you would go through it at whatever time and complete the devotional and comment on a “wall” what God is teaching you. Its really sweet. Try it out by going to the you version app and selecting “plans” and then searching for “not a fan” and it will pop up. Then share the link with any interested students. Here is the link for you as wel. <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/2183>