

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

Do you know Him, or just know about Him?

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. Who is the celebrity you've never met that you know the most about?
2. What's the most random fact you know about someone you're a fan of? Name some stats.
3. Can you recite the books of the Bible in one breath?
4. What's the craziest thing you've done to pursue someone?

Discussion Questions

1. Would you say you know about God or know God?
2. Do you think it's possible to really know God? Why or why not?
3. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?
4. How would someone passionately pursue knowing Christ? How will you pursue Him this week?
5. What are some things a person who really wants to know God might do to get to know Him more?
6. Who do you know that has walked away from Christ because they were raised in church but didn't really know Jesus? What can you do to reach out to that person this week? What can you do to keep from becoming like that?
7. Have you given Jesus more your heart or your head? How would you want the answer to that question to be different a week from now?
8. The speaker mentioned a story about a "prodigal" daughter who left Christ. What does the word "prodigal" refer to? What have you learned about God through that story? (See Luke 15:11-32)

Group Challenge

Challenge your group to spend this week in passionate pursuit of knowing Jesus. Have each one commit to some action they will take to pursue knowing Christ more—starting a Bible reading plan, praying each morning, listening to worship music in the place of their regular playlist—**not some deed to impress God, but something to grow closer to Him.**

