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Fan or Follower

John 21:18-25

Are you a fan or a follower? A fan likes the winning team when they are winning. A follower likes the team even when they are losing. A fan walks away from the team when it's hard. A follower sticks with the team even during the hard times. The same question applies to Jesus. Are we a fan or a follower? Jesus does not call people to be His fan, Jesus calls people to follow Him.

Additional Verses:

Matthew 16:24

Luke 14:26

1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Mark 8:34

Romans 6:6

Revelation 21-22

Outline:

1. Following Jesus is difficult.

2. Following Jesus is unique.

3. Following Jesus is rewarding.

Study Questions:

1. Why is self-denial equated with taking up your cross?

2. Why does Jesus call us to a life of self-denial? How do you deny yourself to follow Jesus?

3. Why is the command to follow Jesus given to us individually? What freedom do we have according to 1 Corinthians 10:23-33?

4. Why does Revelation 21-22 provide comfort to believers? How are these chapters like Genesis 1-2?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?