

Part 1: "Get Dusty"

Introduction

Being an apprentice of Jesus leads to a life full of love, joy, hope, peace, purpose, contentment, wisdom, perspective, better decisions, and fewer regrets. Not just eternal life, but a fulfilling life on this side of heaven can be ours when we go beyond believing and start following his way.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Samer establishes the difference between a student and an apprentice. What is something you've learned about but not applied to your life?
- 2. Samer challenges that Christianity is not just the consumption of Scripture and theology, but a way of living. What is the difference between the two?
- 3. What is an aspect of your faith that you've been convinced is good and beneficial but that you have not followed or applied to your life because it's hard?
- 4. We often put the focus on becoming a believer, but Jesus asked his disciples to follow, then believe. Which came first for you personally? How do you think your personal relationship with Jesus would be different if you had followed first, then believed as the disciples did?
- 5. Believing is how you *become* a Christian. Following is how you *be* a Christian. What is one area in your life where you could follow a little closer behind Jesus?

Moving Forward

Matthew 7:13–14 says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." As Samer mentioned, the reason so few find it is not because it isn't available, but because it is hard. Moving forward, remember it is easier to find the narrow road the closer you follow Jesus.

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