

not a fan.
COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

WEEK TWO Altar'd States

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SERMON NOTES

A FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST IS . . .

1. GOD-SENT **TO SHINE** for a divine mission

- John 1:6-7

2. GOD-SENT **TO BE SECOND** to the Savior

- John 1:15, 20

2. GOD-SENT **TO SAVE**

- John 1:21, 29

PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the boldest thing you have ever done to pursue someone?
2. In the Not A Fan episode, Eric's 'wake-up call' was a heart attack. Have you ever had a wake-up call like that?

Why do we call events like that a 'wake-up call?'

3. The word "follow" comes from the Old English *folgian*, which means 'to accompany or pursue.' It's believed to originally have been a compound word, *full-gan*, and means 'full-going.' What does it mean to go fully after something?

What does it mean to pursue someone? Does that definition square with how we typically define what it means 'to follow'?

4. Compare John the Baptist (from this weekend's sermon) with Matthew the tax collector (from Not a Fan Episode 2). How were they alike in the way they followed Jesus? How were they different? (see John 1:19-27 and Mark 2:14-17)

5. In Not a Fan Episode 2, Gary felt disqualified to follow Jesus. Why? What turned him off to following Christ?

When the episode ends, Gary is at Kyle's door. What do you think is his first question? What do you think is Kyle's answer?

6. Consider this statement by Kyle Idleman: "I meet people every week who are slaves to something... possessions, pleasures or other people..." Would you agree that most people devote themselves to something or someone greater than themselves? Do they tend to place that something on a mental altar and give it pre-eminence? Why?

If you were to make a representation (an altar) of what you are devoted to most, what would it look like?

7. Take a look at Ephesians 5:1-2. In older translations the word 'follow' is 'imitate.' What does it mean to imitate?

What about God are we instructed to imitate?

What is the 'way of love? Why is that called the way of God?

What then is the simplest definition of what a follower of God looks like?

Personal meditation this week: Be honest. What is one of your biggest stains? In the past, which of the following have you done with this stain? Ignored it? Rationalized it? Blamed others for it? Lived in guilt over it? What do you think God wants you to do about it?

Memorize 1 John 1:9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.