



## WEEK ONE Fan or Follower?

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### SERMON NOTES

Religion or Relationship? - Knowledge or Intimacy? - Belief or Commitment? -  
Fan or Follower?

### CAN YOU SAY WITH CONFIDENCE . . .

1. "I have decided to follow Jesus"
  - Luke 14:25-27
  - 2 Timothy 4:7-8
2. "Though none go with, I still will follow"
3. "The world behind me, the cross before me"
  - Luke 14:27

*"No one can critique me like the cross has,  
and no one can show me my worth like the cross has." - Jefferson. Bethke*

### PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the craziest thing you have ever seen a fan do?
2. In the first episode of *Not A Fan*, Eric Nelson's life and his loved ones' lives are drastically altered in a moment by circumstances outside their control. Have you ever been in a situation like that? What was it like?  
  
How did you get through it?
3. Name someone who comes to mind when you think of a follower of Christ. What about them reveals this definitive level of commitment?
4. How do you think Jesus feels about people being fans of Him?
5. Read Luke 9:18-25. What do you think Jesus means by "take up your cross daily?"

What is your cross? Why must it be daily?

**6. DTR is known as Define The Relationship, and often used among singles as a dating term.** When girls ask guys or guys ask girls to 'define the relationship' what they are really asking is, "How much do I matter to you?" Look at these verses. How much do you matter to God? **Zephaniah 3:17, Matthew 10:29-31, & Jeremiah 31:3.**

Do you feel the same way about Him?

**7. What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus when we can't physically see or hear or touch Him?**

What are ways to nurture that spiritual relationship?

**8. Has following Jesus cost you anything?**

Do you feel like Jesus has tested your relationship with Him? How? Who was the test for?

**9. What is the difference between admiration and devotion?**

What does it mean to be "lukewarm" in your relationship with God? Check out **Revelation 3:14-16.**

What makes something hot? What makes something cold?

**10. Consider this statement: "Every stimulus you allow in your life will either heat or cool your love for Jesus."** What kinds of stimuli affect a person's devotion to Christ? Name five that heat it and five that typically cool it.

*Personal meditation this week:* Are there any areas of your life that are off-limits to God; any part of your life that you are not willing for Him to interfere with? Prayerfully consider relinquishing your hold on that area and invite God to interfere. . .

*Memorize: Jeremiah 29:11:* "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."