

Just Follow: Study Questions

The Choice: Want the Best Life Ever?

- Lead. Follow. How would you have defined each of these prior to reading this chapter? Why?
- Why is WHO you follow so critical? Think of a poor and good leader you have followed.

Notes:

1. Who are you? A Pastor?

- How do you see a pastor, minister, priest? Positive? Negative?
- Do you see yourself a pastor, minister, priest? Why or why not?

Notes:

2. My Journey: Controller to Follower

- Think of (and write down) your FAITH journey. Where are you at now?

Notes:

3. Courageous Third

- Does this resonate with you?
- Is there a calling, goal, purpose God has called you to? If not, would you like one? (...you can talk to God right now and ask for one 😊)

Notes:

4. Not All Hear

- Think of a time you have been excited about something, yet those around you do not share that excitement. How did it make you feel or act?
- *Consider: People cannot see ultraviolet light, it is impossible. Consider this, I cannot see ultraviolet light, so to me it does not exist, I would laugh at anyone saying they could see it. Yet our oldest son, who does not have a natural lens in one eye which is what blocks ultraviolet light, he can see it clearly. What is invisible to me, is visible to him. How does this help, as you consider that God may have opened your eyes, alone, to see what others cannot?*

Notes:

5. Prayer Mountain: Korea

- Imagine God is in front of you, what ONE thing would you ask Him for? Do you believe He will even listen and give you the desire that is in your heart? (Read Psalm 145)

Notes:

6. Prayers of the Saints

- Do you feel part of God's Global Body?
- Have you ever asked a person you barely know if you can pray for them? Do you think it could bless them? What restrains you?

Notes:

7. A Slave of All

- How does the "Platinum Rule" touch you? Can you think of an instance where you did or can apply it now?

Notes:

8. Woman Roommate?

- How did this chapter challenge you to what God *could* ask you to do?
- In what area of your life, if God did ask you to go there, do that, or talk to that person... you would strongly hesitate? Why?

Notes:

Just Follow: Study Questions

9. Few People Change the World

- Is it easier for you to help people like you? Or different from you? How do you define “different”?
- Can your life impact the WORLD?

Notes:

10. Know Him

- Grade yourself, like you were in school taking a test, how well do you KNOW God? (A,B,C,D,F)
- Pray. Ask God. What area would you like to pursue to get to KNOW Him more?

Notes:

11. Pray and Obey

- When have you done something, alone, as you felt God wanted you to, but you didn't want to?
- What sort of person would you hesitate to walk up to and start a conversation? Why? Would Jesus talk to them and love them?

Notes:

12. Seeing the One

- What is the value of women to you? (Men have to answer this, and so do women!)
- How has history/culture often viewed women?
- What characteristic in women (as compared to men) is something that reminds you of God?
- Do you naturally see the individual person, or the group?

Notes:

13. You Need Others

- Name 1-3 people that have blessed your life. Text them now if you can. 😊

Notes:

14. Blessed Feet

- Think of a *dark* area in our world that breaks your heart. List it. Why does it break your heart?
- What is a “*comfortably cowardly view*” look like to you? Give an example.

Notes:

15. The GREAT Path

- What does a GOOD vs. a GREAT life look like to you?
- What would you be willing to do or to give up to get the GREAT life?

Notes:

16. Walking with God

- How could you “Gossip the Gospel at Work”?

Notes:

17. He Directs Your Path, You Don’t!

- Have you ever felt God call you to do something unplanned, awkward, scary, and something you usually would not do?
- Why would God even do this to a person?

Notes:

18. Heart Surgery Needed

- What does our society define as *love*?
- Have you tried to love others on your own strength? How did it go?
- Have you asked God for His level of love, a new heart? Is that a scary concept?

Notes:

19. What is your Calling?

- What is your “Samaria”? The place/people you sure prefer not to be with?
- Ask God to reveal to you your calling. (This is BIG, spending quality time alone helps.)

Notes:

20. Women of Valor

- What positive/negative experiences have you had at work related to the opposite sex?
- (Just for fun!) What was the point/experience in your life where you realized men/women look at the world through different lenses?
- How can these differences be helpful? Give an example of an experience at work.

Notes:

21. Message from God

- Listen to God – have some time alone – to see what He may be communicating to you. Simply ask Him “Lord, do you have something you want to tell me?”. Have some paper and a pen, and silence your phone. Write down what you hear and feel.

Notes:

22. Loving Deeply

- Have you prayed for someone you barely know? Do you want to? Ask Him if you desire this sort of opportunity. Get ready... He will answer!

Notes:

23. Hearing His Voice

- Have you had an “open door” that most would say to go through, but you felt you should not? What happened?
- Why is it important to trust that God knows more than what we can see?

Notes:

24. Angel and a Prisoner

- Think of your average day – do you enjoy sudden changes, or do you prefer to stick to what you planned?
- Why would God have us do things that we did not expect or plan for?

Notes:

25. In China: Lost

- When have you felt lost and unsure what to do next? What did you do? What should have you done?

Notes:

26. ALL of God's Love

- Lots of intimate talking with God in this chapter, how did that resonate with you? Normal? Strange? Unexpected?
- Think of Bible stories – how frequently did God talk to people?
- Weeping, crying – usually things not prized in our culture. What does the Bible say in Psalm 126:6 about crying and its value?

Notes:

27. Loving 1.4 billion People

- What people/groups does your culture/society not love or is fearful of?
- How much does God love them? Do you love them?

Notes:

28. Merciful Love for All

- Think of a time you were surprised to have felt included, seen, loved, cared for – what was the situation? Why was this special?

Notes:

29. Daughter of Abraham

- Why would knowing the parent of a friend matter? *Imagine: you suddenly found out your friend's dad was Elon Musk, the President, or British Royalty.*
How would that change how you view them? How you would treat them?
- Women are the last masterpiece God made prior to resting on the seventh day of creation. Yet, how have most cultures and history treated women?

Notes:

30. Joy in His Presence

- What is “church” to you? How do most people define it? How does the Bible define it?
- “*The giver of a rose retains the lingering fragrance in their hand*” – how much fragrance lingers in your hand? How can you bless someone at work today?

Notes:

31. We are Connected

- Think of a time you have felt alone. How did you cry out to God or others?
- When have you talked to someone, 100% focused on them alone, with no desire to get anything from them or for them to understand you. How did they feel? How did you feel?

Notes:

32. A Gift and a Tour of Heaven

- How could you be a loving father or mother to someone?
- Think big, what will heaven be like? What sights, sounds, smells, emotions?
(hint – I have heard it said heaven is 100x better than what we can imagine, all senses are 100x higher, so think of the best day and multiply it by 100x!)

Notes:

33. Child of the King

- How would people describe you to others?
- Is how they would describe you, similar to how they would describe Jesus? What is similar, what is different? Take some time to pray on this... to be like Jesus is the path we desire to be on.

Notes:

34. He will Protect

- Think of a time you have been nervous, concerned, scared. What did you hope would save you?

Notes:

35. Always Ready

- When has your life, actions, words richly blessed a stranger? Are we called by God to “appear like Jesus” to others? (Read Romans 8:29 for help)

Notes:

36. God Rested

- Is waiting, resting – easy or difficult for you?
- When others look at your life, is it:
 - a) A life focused on working hard for God?
 - b) A life focused on waiting and resting in God?
- What is the difference? Why is this even important?

Notes:

37. Loving Heart or Pleasing Man

- Think of a few people you highly respect. How loving are they?
- The Apostle Paul in 1 talks about being a mature person. Read all of 1 Corinthians 13... how important is love? How “mature” would the Apostle Paul think of these people you highly respect, or are they mere children?

Notes:

38. Do Not Miss the Call

- What is the fear that causes you to hesitate, in doing what you believe God wants?
- Would more fear of God, more than what you fear, help with this?

Notes:

39. Joy in Pain

- Think of an area of your life that is painful. Know God is in control, of even that area. Pray, talk to God about it. What is He saying?

Notes:

40. Following Alone

- What relationships in your life do you hold dear, in high regard?
- If God clearly asked you to “turn right” and these people were telling you to “turn left” how would you feel? What would you do?

Notes:

]

41. God Calls the One

- What people do you know that have a different religion or worldview? How do you treat them?

Notes:

42. Diving In

- God wants our full surrender, Him alone, nothing above His will. Spend a few minutes in prayer, asking your Lord (which means we are His servant). *Where do You want me to go? What do You want me to do?*

Notes:

43. Investment Ratio 1 to 100

- What do you treasure most in life? Who gave this treasure to you?

Notes:

44. Delighting in Fear

- What is the difference between “active obedience” and “perfect obedience”?

Notes:

45. Run to the Fortress

- When have you done something, you know was right, but it hurt those close to you?
What were both the short-term and the long-term results?

Notes:

46. Comingled Joy and Pain

- Does your life feel like “Comingled Joy and Pain”? What is the joy? The pain?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-13. The Apostle Paul talks about the pain, and joy, of his life.

Notes:

47. Following is Hard

- In Christian communities, rarely is following Christ by yourself alone discussed.
How do you feel about this?

Notes:

48. Change of Path

- On a scale of 1-10, how flexible are you?
10 = very flexible to sudden changes, 1 = desire to stick to the plan
- Why do you think God frequently challenges us to be more flexible?

Notes:

49. Favor and Connections

- Ever slept in a hostel? How do you see strangers?
- How does God see people?

Notes:

50. God's Promise

- Do you want to have good government leaders? Is it important to pray for them? Do you?

Notes:

51. Seven Times and \$100

- What is a “victory” that you would desire God to do?
Spend some time in prayer now, give that desire to God. Listen to what He says... spend most of the time listening, not asking!

Notes:

52. Praying for the Nation

- Do you feel like the “bride of Christ”? Is this a strange concept?
- Take time to pray for your government leaders – pray for them personally, their health, family, stress levels, for wisdom and discernment. Do not *curse* them, pray to bless them.
How do you feel doing this? Easy? Hard?

Notes:

53. Bookended in Power

- Soldier, Athlete, Farmer – why does God select these roles, not others, for us to be like?
- What characteristics of these roles touches your heart that you want to be like?

Notes:

54. Joy Comes in the Morning

- What are 5 things you highly value in your life. Put them in ranked order, from most precious to least (yes, hard to do!).
- Assuming God said following Him was more important, and all of those items you will need to step away from, maybe forever. How would you respond?
- Is this impossible for God, you say? God removing a treasure He has given us? (Bible stories tell us this is what God had asked some of His followers to do, yes, it is possible)
- This is what full surrender to God looks like.
Spend time in prayer. (yes, this is tough!)
We do not have this of strength to surrender like this, it has to come from God, ask Him for help.

Notes:

55. The Choice

- Thank you walking this journey with me! Do reach out, we run this race together. I the author want to hear from you! www.courageousthird.com/justfollow
- I pray you have chosen to surrender, to Just Follow, it truly is the only way to the Best Life Ever. Most will not do this. You will be alone at times. Yet, you will have found life, Just Following.

Notes: