



WEEK 1  
FOLLOW ME  
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Jesus' invitation was simple... " Follow me."

"I am the **way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*

So Levi got up, left everything, and **followed** him. *Luke 5:28*

"**Repent** of your sins and turn to God, for the **Kingdom** of Heaven is **near**." *Matthew 4:17*

The Kingdom of God is the active rule of Jesus on earth.

"But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the **Kingdom** of God has arrived among you." *Luke 11:20*

Life in the Kingdom of God is the best offer on this earth.

*"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."* — C.S. Lewis

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you."* — St. Augustine

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a **treasure** that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his **excitement**, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field." *Matthew 13:44*

Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's **fellow tax collectors** and other guests also ate with them. *Luke 5:29*

We invite others into what we enjoy .

*"The delight is incomplete until it is expressed."* — C.S. Lewis

But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such **scum**?" *Luke 5:30*

Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to **repent**." *Luke 5:31-32*

1. Follow Jesus into his kingdom.

"**Seek** the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." *Matthew 6:33*

2. Invite others to follow.

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to **fish** for **people**!" *Matthew 4:19*

*To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit [eclife.org/groups](http://eclife.org/groups) to access this week's group discussion questions.*

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Full list of events and registration is available at [eclife.org](http://eclife.org)'s EVENTS page*

### Outreach Opportunity

Each Emmanuel campus seeks to meet practical needs in the community. We invite you to visit the Impact collection bins in the lobby and to pick up a bag and list of needed items. Fill the bag with the requested items and bring it back to the collection bin next week. These items will help make an impact in the lives of others in our community!

### VERB

Designed to help 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students connect with God and with one another, each month's VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus. Students will experience a friendly, welcoming environment that is both fun and encouraging.

When: Sunday, November 17, 6:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

### The 1824

Join us for an environment created specifically for young adults: 18\* to 24 years old. Each month, we gather for worship, teaching, and a chance to chat with others facing similar unique life experiences.

When: Thursday, November 21, 7:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse

*\*18-year-old attendees must be graduated seniors.*