

## Fan or Follower? Open Invitation

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*Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

**Luke 9:23**

## NOTES

### **BIG IDEA: Anyone Is Welcome**

#### Jesus was a Rabbi to His society

- A Rabbi was a teacher of God's Word
- Requirements of a talmid
- The excellence of the student reflects the excellence of the teacher.

#### Jesus changes the system

- Matthew 9:9-13

### **Anyone Means Everyone**

- Jesus does away with the qualifications to follow

### **No Qualifications Means No Excuses**

- Jesus gets rid of all the excuses when he invites "Anyone."

### **It's Anyone, But It's EVERYTHING**

- Anyone will mess up your norm!

**Followers, not fans, are willing to break down walls, trash the unwritten codes, and welcome "Anyone" into God's family right alongside Jesus.**

## MY NEXT STEP

### **Check All That Apply**

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to quit making excuses and accept Jesus' Invitation to follow Him.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will break down walls and welcome "ANYONE" into God's family right along side Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will vote in the 2012 presidential elections.