

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ issued a compelling and challenging invitation: "Follow Me." Jesus is not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers. This series examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus.

Answer before watching this week's episode

1. Before we begin, what do you think has been the biggest take away from this study? _____

In this week's episode we get a glimpse into Eric's relationship with his daughter Natalie, as well as other people that Eric had made an impact on after his heart attack.

Answer after watching episode

2. Last week we witnessed Bill, Eric's dad, struggle with following Jesus because he based it on rules instead of faith. How has that affected how you follow Jesus? _____

3. As noted above, one point of emphasis throughout the study has been on following Jesus instead of simply following rules. After watching this episode, how did it play out for Eric and those around him? _____

4. What do you think helped Eric's daughter Natalie come around to see the bigger picture? _____

5. The reaction to the responses at Eric's service had to be noticed. What were some of the reactions you noticed, especially with Anna Eric's wife, after all those people stood up and spoke? _____

6. Let's read Matthew 7:13-14. After you read the scripture a couple of times, what are some things that jump out at you? _____

7. According to this scripture it seems as though there may be a lot of traffic heading in the wrong direction. Can you identify anything from this episode or previous episodes that show this behavior? Think about each character in the previous episodes. _____

8. The scripture passage continues in Matthew with Jesus using an explanation of bearing fruit. Read vv. 15-20. What stands out to you? [Cf. John 13:34-35] _____

9. Do following the rules lead to bearing good fruit? Can you think of any examples from the Bible? What about from this episode or previous ones? _____

10. Continue in your Bible reading vv. 21-23. What does this mean to you and for people you know that claim to be followers of Jesus? [Cf. John 15:1-6] _____

11. Has your relationship with Jesus strengthened since we started this study? If so, how? _____

12. What has had the biggest impact on you during this study? _____
