

fresh faith

a series of sessions for new believers

**THESE SEVEN SESSIONS ARE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
BASED OUT OF THE BOOK FOLLOWING JESUS**

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THE NEW LIFE

Following Jesus - Introduction

DISCUSSION

1. Get To Know You — Share the basics - Family, career, hobbies, background, growing up, etc...
2. How long have you been at OKC Community and how did God lead you here?
3. Share Salvation / Faith Stories — each of you share how & when you chose to follow Jesus and how God has been moving in your life lately.
4. Why did you sign up for Fresh Faith? What are a few hopes you have for our time together?
5. Mentor describe what the mentoring/ Fresh Faith sessions will be like:
 - This may help in case your mentee is a little unsure or intimidated. Ensure them that they can ask questions. You are here to help!
 - Introduce the “Following Jesus” book and the plan to talk about a chapter each time you meet. Also download the “Following Jesus” App.
6. Was there anything that stood out as helpful/ encouraging in the **Introduction** section of the book?
7. The section begins with 2 Corinthians 5:17 (read it). This verse declares that the old is gone and the new has come — how have you experienced the new life in Christ since you’ve been saved?
8. What can I pray for you about this week?
9. Confirm and set meeting times for at least the next few sessions (or all of them). Where + When. Read chapter one before next session.

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PRAYER + WORSHIP

Following Jesus - Chapter One.

DISCUSSION

1. What has been the biggest difference in your life since choosing to follow Jesus?
2. Describe your experiences with prayer - What's been good, weird, hard, easy, amazing, confusing? Both of you share your own experiences.
3. What is the purpose of prayer to you? (prayer is conversation with God to build relationship, intimacy)
4. What stood out to you from this chapter about **prayer**? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?
5. What stood out to you from this chapter about **worship**? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?
6. Go over the CHAPTER CHALLENGE questions in the book. (spend as much or as little time as needed)
7. Mentor Share: your personal prayer journey and ways God has used prayer in your life.
8. How has worship at church impacted you? How does it make you feel? Mentor Share ways you worship in and outside of church.
9. Go over "WALK IT OUT" section in the book. Add to it any encouragement about how they can start growing in prayer and worship.
10. What can I pray for you about this week?
11. Confirm and set meeting times for at least the next few sessions. Read chapter two before next session.

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THE BIBLE

Following Jesus - Chapter Two.

DISCUSSION

1. Discuss how creating a habit of prayer and worship has gone since you last met?
2. Read Romans 12:2 - Why is transforming our minds so crucial? What is something in your past that had a big impact on your thoughts? (Patterns of this world)
3. What were your general thoughts and assumptions about the Bible prior to choosing to follow Jesus? What are your thoughts now? What are your biggest questions?
4. What stood out to you from this chapter? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?
5. Go over the CHAPTER CHALLENGE questions in the book. (spend as much or as little time as needed)
6. Mentor Share: your personal experience reading the Bible, what has been successful/unsuccessful? How has God met you through his word.
7. Go over “WALK IT OUT” section in the book. Add to it any encouragement about how they can start growing in their practice of reading the bible. **Specifically help them choose where to start reading or even to find a bible reading plan/ devotional.**
8. Challenge your mentee to memorize John 3:16-17 before you meet again. (Which means you better know it as well!)
9. What can I pray for you about this week?
10. Confirm and set meeting times for at least the next few sessions. Read chapter 3 and 4 before next session.

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WATER BAPTISM + THE HOLY SPIRIT

Following Jesus - Chapter Three + Four.

DISCUSSION

1. Were you able to read the Bible a few times since we last met? Any scripture that stood out to you?

2. Chapter 3: **Baptism**

Two key components to understanding Baptism:

1. Following Jesus is an internal heart decision (salvation), and getting baptized is a public declaration of our faith in Jesus.
2. Baptism is a declaration that we are dying to our old ways, and taking on new life in Jesus.

3. Have you been baptized? If so what was that experience like for you? If not, would you like to be? (if so contact church staff for get baptism scheduled)

4. Read John 16:1-14. What is the primary purpose of the Holy Spirit coming? (Vs, 8, 10, 13) Have you experienced the Holy Spirit speaking to you about a problem, or leading you towards something? (Mentor share ways the Spirit has lead you in the past.)

5. What stood out to you from chapter four about the **Holy Spirit**? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?

6. Go over the CHAPTER CHALLENGE questions in the book. (spend as much or as little time as needed)

7. Go over “WALK IT OUT” section in the book (chp 4). Add to it any encouragement about how they can start growing in their relationship with the Holy Spirit.

8. Pray with your mentee a simple prayer asking for God’s Spirit to continue to fill their heart, and impart even more/new gifts, and blessings on them.

9. Confirm and set meeting times for at least the next few sessions. Read chapter 5 before next session.

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THE CHURCH

Following Jesus - Chapter Five.

DISCUSSION

1. How is it going with prayer/worship/reading the Bible? What are two things to celebrate?
2. Has there been a time in your life when you had a great support system around you? How did that make you feel and help you in life?
3. What has been the best part of getting involved in church at OKC Community? How has God helped you through the church?
3. Why do you think church is important to your growth? (Mentor share how the church has been important for you.)
4. What stood out to you from chapter five about the **The Church**? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?
5. The chapter talks about “being the church,” and that each of us has a role to play. In your understanding, how do we “be the church?”
6. Have you thought about serving at the church and why it’s important? (if they don’t serve share with them about our serving opportunities/teams and offer to help them get connected).
7. Go over the CHAPTER CHALLENGE questions in the book. (spend as much or as little time as needed)
8. Go over “WALK IT OUT” section in the book. Add to it any encouragement.
8. What can I pray for you about this week?
9. Confirm and set meeting times for the last 2 sessions. Read chapter 6 before next session.

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SHARING YOUR FAITH

Following Jesus - Chapter Six

DISCUSSION

1. What are a few things you are grateful to God for? (telling others how you are grateful to God is a simple way to share your faith)
2. What stood out to you from chapter six about **Sharing Your Faith**? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?
3. Is there anything that has held you back from telling others about your experience with Jesus, and/or inviting them to church?
4. Since coming to know Christ, what are some of the ways that you have found peace, rest or joy in your faith? (those things to share about what God is doing in your life)
5. What would be a simple way to simply tell someone about your experience/ story with someone you know? (Mentor Share an experience you've had).
6. Read Matthew 5:16. Talk through what living your faith out looks like, and how that might open doors to sharing your faith?
7. Go over the CHAPTER CHALLENGE questions in the book. (spend as much or as little time as needed)
8. Go over "WALK IT OUT" section in the book. Add to it any encouragement.
9. Share prayer requests, invite them to open in prayer and you close. (coach and encourage to try to pray out loud).
10. Confirm and set meeting times for the last session. Read chapter 7 before next session.

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LOVING PEOPLE

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DISCUSSION

1. How have our meetings helped you?
2. Describe the ways you are growing in your faith.
3. What stood out to you from chapter seven about **Loving People**? How were you encouraged and/or challenged by what you read?
4. Read Matthew 22:37-40. What is the connection in this passage between how we are supposed to respond to God and our neighbors? Discuss how we do each. What does it look like to love God, and our neighbors? Give examples of each.
5. Do you have people in your life who are difficult to love? How so? How does God's word to "love others" encourage/ help you?
6. What is something you can do this week (+ potentially moving forward) to be intentional with your love for others? (Mentor share ways God has provoked you to be loving towards others)
7. Go over the CHAPTER CHALLENGE questions in the book. (spend as much or as little time as needed)
8. Go over "WALK IT OUT" section in the book. Add to it any encouragement.
9. Lets talk about your next step. What's good for you? Alpha, Connect Groups, Serving?
10. Mentor share final encouragement and words of affirmation to your mentee as a person, child of God, and follower of Jesus!
11. Close in prayer together - encourage them to begin the prayer and you close.