

# not a fan.

completely. committed. **follower.**

*Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation to follow him. He's not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers.*

*Based on the engaging approach of Kyle Idleman this cinematic 6 week small group study examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus.*

*Define your relationship with Jesus: Enthusiastic Admirer or Completely Committed Follower?*

*Follow the journey of Eric Nelson, a man leading a compartmentalised triple life as a pleasure-seeking rebel, a cutthroat corporate executive, and a nominal Christian. When confronted with a near death experience, Eric embarks on a spiritual journey that transforms his commitment to Jesus and tests the faith of his friends and family.*

*The full playlist can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1B7A6B4C4BA89F88>*

## **WEEK SIX: DECISION TIME**

### **Open in Prayer:**

### **Opening Questions:**

Ask participants (if they are willing) to share one area of your life where you think God is calling you to follow.

### **Story Recap from Week Five:**

Bill disapproves of Eric's new job and his misguided attempts to help those people at the expense of providing for his own family. Bill takes particular issue with Lily, a pregnant teenager who has moved in with the Nelsons. Eric's sister, Kim, suffers a miscarriage and is further devastated when Bill suggest the tragedy is a result of sin in her life.

Enraged, Eric confronts his father about his merciless self-righteousness. Days later, Eric offers the olive branch and tells Bill he loves him. Bill is silent. Minutes later, Bill and family watch in horror as Eric suffers his fatal heart attack.

### **Watch Episode Six: Decision Time:**

[https://youtu.be/eC9\\_iKEVZ0Q?list=PL1B7A6B4C4BA89F88](https://youtu.be/eC9_iKEVZ0Q?list=PL1B7A6B4C4BA89F88)

## **Group discussion/Story content:**

Q: What did you find most striking or moving in this last episode? Q: What was it about her dad that actually change Natalie?

Q: What appears to be Anna's reaction to the various people sharing about her husband?

## **Going Deeper:**

Read together Matthew 7 v13-14.

Hold on now! Does this feel like the old switcheroo? Last week, we were told that following Jesus is not about rules and doing the right things but about a relationship with Jesus.

Q: This week, we are told, if we aren't doing the right things, then we could be condemned. What's up with that?

In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Love is what matters, and we show our love with our actions.

Q: But how can we love someone who says such hard things as we find in Matthew 17 verses 13 to 14?

## **Personal Challenge:**

Q: If you died this week, what do you think people would say at your funeral? How do you feel about your answer? How do you hope it changes over the coming months and years?

Q: How has your relationship with Jesus changed during this series? What has instigated this change?

Q: Of all the things we have covered during this series, which ones seem to have the best impact on your desire and ability to follow Jesus? How could you continue this kind of thing in your life?

## **Prayer Time:**

Since this is the last episode in this series, how about we close with an open time of prayer. Pray when and how you like or are led by Jesus.