

All In – Jesus Never Asked For Fans

Date: September 6, 2026 **Scripture:** Luke 9:23–24, Mark 8:34–35

1. WELCOME & SNACKS

20 mins

Welcome everyone as they arrive and give people time to grab snacks, settle in, and reconnect after the week.

2. ICEBREAKER

10 mins

What is something you were once a huge "fan" of (a sports team, artist, band, or hobby) where your enthusiasm faded over time? What made your interest change?

3. MESSAGE RECAP

10 mins

Jesus isn't looking for casual admirers or distant fans—He is looking for devoted followers who are ready to go "all in." While a fan seeks inspiration and stays at a distance, a true follower obeys Jesus, seeks to become like Him, and remains faithful even when life feels ordinary or unexciting. Going all in requires a daily decision, active self-denial, and choosing the cross each day. Ultimately, losing our self-centered lives for Christ is the only path to finding true life and purpose.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Fan vs. Follower:** A fan admires Jesus from afar; a follower obeys Him, seeks to be like Him, and stays committed even when nothing exciting is happening.
- **A Daily Decision:** Following Jesus is not a one-time choice—it is a daily commitment to let His will win over our own.
- **Self-Denial & The Cross:** Self-denial happens when our desires conflict with God's word and we choose His way, laying down pride and self-interest daily.
- **True Life Found:** Centering life on self leads to emptiness, but yielding fully to Jesus opens the door to the fullness of life He offers.

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

10 mins

1. Fan vs. Follower

- Look at Luke 9:23–24 and Mark 8:34–35. In your own words, what is the core difference between admiring Jesus and actually following Him?
- What are some subtle ways we might act like "fans" of Jesus in our everyday routines rather than true followers?

2. Follow Jesus Begins with a Decision

- The sermon noted that following Jesus is a daily choice, not just a past decision. What practical habits help you choose to follow Jesus first thing in the morning?

3. Following Jesus Requires Self-Denial & Choosing the Cross

- Self-denial is defined as letting God's will win when it conflicts with our own. What specific things—like pride, anger, or self-reliance—do we need to surrender daily to walk in God's righteousness?
- How have you experienced God's way being better than what you originally wanted for yourself?

5. FELLOWSHIP & FURTHER DISCUSSION

30 mins

Use this open time for unstructured conversation, deeper personal sharing, and connecting with one another around the living room or table.

Encourage the group to share personal stories or real-life application based on the discussion questions, or simply spend time building community together.

6. PRAYER & WRAP-UP

Surrender: Ask group members if anyone wants to share a specific area of life (a decision, relationship, or attitude) where they need to stop holding back and go "all in."

Prayer Focus: Pray for strength to surrender self-centered desires daily, for wisdom to choose God's will above our own, and for opportunities to show Christ's love to those around us this week.