

# THIS IS THE WAY

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## BIBLE VERSES

Acts 24:13-14a  
Matthew 4:18-22  
Matthew 9:9

Mark 8:34-37  
Matthew 22:37-39  
Mark 2:35

Mark 3:13  
John 11:35

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about your family. What is something your family does a certain way that all (or most) people in your family would say, "this is the way we do it"?
2. What is something you are convinced of, but not committed to?
3. Read Matthew 4:18-20. Jesus' invitation was not for people to believe, but to follow. What is the difference between believing in Jesus and following Jesus?
4. In the first century an apprentice had three goals: to be with their rabbi, to become like their rabbi, and to do what their rabbi did. Jesus' invitation to follow him is an invitation to be with Jesus, to become like Jesus, and to do what Jesus did.
  - What are you doing consistently to be with Jesus?
  - In what parts of your life are you becoming like Jesus?
  - When was the last time you did what Jesus would do if he were you?
5. Following Jesus, or practicing the way, is not about information. It's about formation. It's about adopting the lifestyle of Jesus. In what parts of your life have you adopted the lifestyle of Jesus? In what parts of your life have you not yet adopted the lifestyle of Jesus?
6. What is one step you will take this week to follow Jesus more closely?
7. What obstacle will stand in your way of taking this step?
8. How can this group help?