



Part 1: Team Jesus

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My Relational Journey with Jesus

A casual relationship: Shallow (Titus 1:6)

A religious relationship: Empty (Do vs. Done)

An academic relationship: Cold (Mark 7:6-7)

A guilt relationship: Shame (1 Timothy 1:15)

A personal relationship: Vibrant (John 10:10)

To be on Team Jesus...

You must love Jesus more than anything (Luke 14:26)

You must deny yourself (Matthew 16:24)

You must deliberately choose the way of the cross (Matthew 16:24) – carry your cross

You must devote your whole life (Matthew 16:24)

You must love everyone who belongs to Jesus (John 13:35)

You must saturate yourself in God's Word (John 8:31)

You must give it all up to follow him (Luke 14:33)

3 Applications for Admission in Luke 9

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

ROADBLOCK: The cost of giving up creature comforts is too much. I'm out.

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

ROADBLOCK: I am too focused on "first let me..." I'm out.

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

ROADBLOCK: I can't get beyond my conditions. I'm out.

A Question from our Core Commitments

**Am I consistently cultivating my own vibrant
relationship with Jesus Christ?**

Am I in?

Next Steps

Have you ever considered formally joining the family of CTK? Over the next few weeks, we will be laying out an opportunity for you to do that. Would you begin praying and asking God if He wants you to take that step?

Small Group Questions

- 1) Did you go to the fair? Why or why not?
- 2) Grant described some of the "stops" on his relational journey with Jesus. How would you describe your relational journey with Jesus?
- 3) Which of the 7 commitments to be on Team Jesus is the most difficult for you? Why do you think Jesus included that one on his requirements for being on His team?
- 4) Which of the three roadblocks has stopped you in your life? Have you been able clear the roadblock(s)? How?
- 5) If you are a follower of Jesus, briefly share the story of how and when you decided to cross the line and follow him.
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?