



Not a Fan- Week 4

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (15-30 minutes)

Have an ice-breaker ready, eat a snack together, and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting, if your group is continuing from last semester. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

Ice-Breaker suggestion: Ask a few "Would you rather" questions to your group. Can't think of any? Find some [here](#).

CHECK-IN TIME (15-30 minutes)

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

We are all a fan of something. To be a fan is to be an enthusiastic admirer. We are fans of sports teams, bands, restaurants, and even people. Yet when it comes to our faith, we cannot settle on fandom. Without recognition, we end up treating our faith like we do all the other things in our life; we are interested until it is not convenient, fun, or easy. Jesus doesn't invite us to be his fan, but to be his follower.

1. Recall a time in your life when you thought you knew better about something than a coach, a boss or a parent but it turned out they knew best.
2. This week, Pastor Danny shared the story of [Mary and Martha](#). Who do you identify with most in that story, Mary or Martha? Why?
3. Read [Luke 5:4-7](#). Followers of Jesus are convinced that Jesus knows everything about everything. Do you believe that He does? Why or why not?
4. Read [Matthew 7:25-27](#). When Jesus invites us to be a follower, it is more than just surrendering the easy parts of our life to Him. His invitation means we build our entire life on the truths He taught and the things He said.

Being a follower of Jesus means surrendering to his ways in our friendships, money, sexuality, stress management, the media we consume, the way our household is ran, how we respond to a teacher/boss, and every other area of our life.

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In what area of your life do you struggle most to surrender control over? What makes surrendering that area of your life so difficult?

5. Who is in charge of your life, you or Jesus? Whether you feel your life is currently set on the rock, or is resting on sand, we all can act this week to seek and follow Jesus in every area of our life. What action do you specifically need to take this week to follow Jesus?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own. Consider finding an accountability partner within your group to walk alongside you this week.

- **Prayer:** Spend time daily in conversation with God, consider using the Lectio 365 app.
- **Journal:** Make note of the ways you were tempted to take charge and surrender them.
- **Rest:** Set aside a day some time each day to simply rest in the Lord's presence, releasing all control over the busyness of life.
- **Memorize scripture:** Try one of the verses from this weekend's message.
- **Seek Counsel:** Connect with one of [Emmanuel's biblical counselors](#).
- **Serve:** Connect to God's truth and his people through service. Join the impact team. Text TEAM to 65248 to register for Impact 101 at the next Impact Team Night on Monday, February 28th.
- **Daily time with God-** Determine the type of routine you'd like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
 - [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.
 - If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

Ask your group to share two things



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1. Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.
2. Ask also for any reason to praise, it is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people's life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel's Associate Outreach Director, at bschafer@eclife.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 | Seymour Campus open house

February 13 | Return 'Bins to Brim' donations back to campuses

February 28 | Impact Team Night

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.