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becoming a completely. committed. follower.

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## The Invitation: Follow Me

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23 (ESV)

## The Invitation is for \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Anyone means \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NLT)

### 2. Anyone means \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah." Luke 9:20 (NIV2011)

## The Invitation Eliminates the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:57-62 (NRSV)

## The Invitation Ask for \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said, "There is one thing you still need to do. Go and sell everything you own! Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come and be my follower." <sup>23</sup> When the man heard this, he was sad, because he was very rich. Luke 18:22-23 (CEV)

## My Next Step Today Is To:

- Recognize that God has overcome all of my excuses and say "Yes" to the invitation to follow Jesus.
- Surrender everything to God so that I can fully follow Jesus.
- Be available to share this good news with anyone God brings across my path of influence.
- Memorize and/or meditate on Luke 9:20