

# FOLLOW ME

**Week 1: June 20-26**

**Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)**  
**Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

**Vision Casting (2 minutes):** A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is leading others to follow Jesus.

**Hook Question (5 minutes):** What is something difficult you had to go through to experience something good?

**Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):**

Over the next eight weeks our group is going to look at stories that are essential to developing a culture of love and disciple making. Our prayer is that by the end of these eight weeks, our group will have developed and bought into the culture of love and disciple making Jesus intended all His followers to have.

Before Jesus began His ministry with the disciples, He had to take steps of obedience to the Father. These steps showed His dependence on the Father. His first step was to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness. In doing this the Father was well pleased and the Holy Spirit descended on Him as a dove.

After being baptized, Jesus was led into the wilderness where He would be tempted by Satan. The difficulties He would go through in the wilderness would give us an example of how to fight our enemy. He helps us understand how we need to learn to walk in dependence on the Father before leading others to do the same.

Let us look at how Jesus relied on the Father while fighting His enemy in Matthew 4:1-11.

**Tell the story from Matthew 4:1-11 (12 Minutes):** Change the storyteller often.

**Rebuild Matthew 4:1-11:** Retell the story as well as possible.

**Read Matthew 4:1-11:** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions:** Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed.)**

- What stands out to you in this story?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- What does this story teach you about yourself and others?
- How have you learned to walk in dependence on God? How are you leading others to do the same?
- How do you need to apply this story to your life?

**Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.**