



## Following Jesus

## 2.6

1. Are there any in the group who have become Christians who have experienced difficulties since that time. Can we share our experiences? How did you manage to come to terms with this? Jesus promises LIFE to those who follow him, what do you think he means by this? How would you explain this from your own life?

2. We've looked at five "blessings" of being a Christian:

Friendship of Jesus  
Freedom from Sin  
Fruitful Personality  
Focus to Life  
Future beyond Death

Would you add any other blessings to this list? Which of these would you consider the key in your own experience?

3. What do you think of when you try to imagine the devil? Do you struggle to come to terms with such a concept? In John 8.44, Jesus describes the devil as a liar and a murderer, according to the Bible he is clearly "out to get us" – how does that make you feel?

Frightened  
Angry  
Determined  
Conciliatory  
Thankful that Jesus has defeated him

Can you share your response with the group?

4. Have any of us in the group detected opposition or hostility from friends, family, or colleagues as a result of being a Christian? How about mild amusement, or sympathy?

5. Read Mark 8.35. Write down what you think this means in your own words.

