



Discussion Questions

IT'S NOT ME, IT'S YOU *Part 2 – Following Jesus, Not The Crowd*

Have you ever found yourself saying or doing something out of character for you because of pressure from someone else?

When have you felt mocked or abused for pushing back against a crowd? How do you decide when it is the right time to go against the popular opinion?

Read Matthew 7:28-29 and Matthew 9:35-36

Do you have compassion for those who do not know Christ (or maybe those who do but think differently than you)? Are there certain crowds that are harder for you to love than others? What does it look like to speak with authority and compassion?

Think of a time you felt compelled to share with someone who had different beliefs than you. How did the conversation go? What makes this difficult? What are some of the key concepts we have learned from Jesus about teaching and sharing with others?

Read Matthew 9:18-26

What does it mean to have compassion for the crowds but not be distracted by them? Are there certain topics that tend to pull you off track? What can be the cost of being distracted by the issues and attitudes around us?

Gary Thomas said, “We can’t avoid pushback without leaving this planet, but we can learn when to walk away when the time is right and as God leads. We can “put those people outside (v. 25)” and carry on our work.” How do you decide when it is time to walk away from a crowd or from an individual? How do you walk away in a loving manner?

End your time in prayer by asking God for the wisdom to balance conviction and compassion in your life. May we as a church and as individuals always follow Jesus instead of the crowd.