

# THE FIRST STEP

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**Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

— Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”**

— Matthew 16:24 (NIV)



**EVERY NATION**  
SINGAPORE

## HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

Taking a first step normally requires courage and a willingness to try something new.

## ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Did you ever try something completely new and exciting? What made you take the first step to do it? (i.e., new dish, relationship, or experience)

## LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- In the Great Commission, Jesus commissioned us to follow Him and help others follow Him.
- But the first step is always to follow Jesus. What is it like to follow Him?
- Following Jesus is hard because we need to leave our old self and life behind and surrender ourselves to His will and purpose.
- But following Jesus is easy because we can do it by His power, not ours. We don't even have to worry about it. We know He is faithful and His promise is sure.
- Ultimately, following Jesus is just the first step in the journey of our lives. We are all being moulded to be like Christ. Until we get there, each time we sin, we can go back to God, repent, and be restored in our relationship with Him.
- Then we will see Him work His wonders and fulfil His purpose in our lives!

## PAUSE



Pick a question and pray together...

### **Discuss Together** (*pick one*)

- Think back. What made you decide to take the first step and follow Jesus? Share your story.
- How are you today in your journey of following Jesus? Are you finding it easy or hard? Why do you say that?

### **Pray Together** (*pick one*)

- Pray to always follow Jesus by His power, not yours. If you find yourself attempting to do it on your own, ask Jesus to take the wheel again and pray for grace to surrender your will to Him.
- Pray for God's grace and strength to hear His correction and accept it humbly on this journey of following Him.

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**... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

— Philippians 1:6 (NIV)