Zach is an example of a life changed by Christ…Zach had an awakening…Zach is a great BU there example
The thinking behind “BU THERE” is not laziness or live how you want….but one of substance, a life lived for
God’s glory…it’s you living life and being who you are in Christ.

We can say “BE YOU THERE” to the one who is serious about following Christ.

When this happens life is all about breathing in & breathing out (you breathe in Christ, and breath Christ out)

March 7th, the Spring Fling…is a great way to breathe Christ out…
An opportunity for you to bring and invite people here to hear the Gospel.

**You breathe Christ in** (attend church, read scripture, learn Christ, gain wisdom, know your identity)

**You breath Christ out** (you share Christ, pursue Holiness, stand firm, invite others into this story)

And really the series we start tonight is one that will help you identify where you stand and what it truly
means to follow Christ. It’s to help you understand the difference between a normal life and a Greater life

**(HIT BY A MACK TRUCK ILLUSTRATION)** Let’s say I was late tonight…when I got here I apologized but had
a good reason…..Had a flat tire…then I got hit by a mack truck….it hurt…pretty bad…but I dusted off,
fixed the tire and HERE I AM.

Couple of things you’d think about me…..1. I’m a liar……or 2. I’m deceived.
WHY? Because there’s no way I could get hit by a mack truck and not be changed, different.
Then why is it so many people claim to know Christ but their life never changes?

My hope is this….that the next few weeks helps us see who we are and what it means to follow Christ.
And then we all fall more in love with Christ and follow Him more deeply. That’s the hope.

And then we can celebrate it by walking this out together…inviting folks to March 7th…and seeing people’s
lives changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. We don’t have to wait until then to share…but that night will be
a great night to bring someone in.

**CUE VIDEO.**

**AFTER VIDEO:** (Write in comments)
The Bible is very clear: Jesus is looking for fans….he’s looking for followers.

Each week our hope is to do some careful examination of our lives. To seek out where we stand with
Christ. We can’t tell Fans to go and BU THERE…..we can only encourage followers to do that.

So our group times will be tough but please, open up, deal with this stuff together….be real.
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Fan or Follower?

GROUP QUESTIONS: (for tonight/throughout the week)
- How would you define what it means to be a Christian?
- Would your friends agree with you? Would Jesus agree?
- How much has Jesus interfered with your life? Why do you think that is?
- **Read Luke 9:23 together**, What is this verse saying? Mean?
- Can a person really follow Christ without it costing him/her something?
- Does your life give evidence of a fan or follower of Christ?

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION: (Confidence as you go)
- A fan is an enthusiastic admirer
- A follower is completely committed to Jesus.
- A fan runs little risk in cheering on his team
- A follower recognizes that he/she must be willing to give up Everything for the sake of Christ.

Scripture is very clear: Jesus is looking for followers, not fans.

Big Question of the WEEK: __________
What is the most important new item you want to buy this year?