

Not a Fan week 2: the open invitation
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Luke 9:23 (NLT, pg. 861) Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

Jesus’ invitation to be a follower:

Anyone Is _____.

Luke 5:27-32 (NLT, pg. 855)

Anyone Means _____.

1 Peter 3:15-16a (NLT, pg. 1025) Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

No Qualifications Means _____.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT, pg. 978) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NLT, pg. 1024) So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness

It’s Anyone, But It’s _____.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (NLT, pg. 965)

Final Thought: Everyone really is welcome to be a follower of Jesus. But followers are expected to journey forward with Christ; fans of Jesus will hold back. What is your response to His _____?