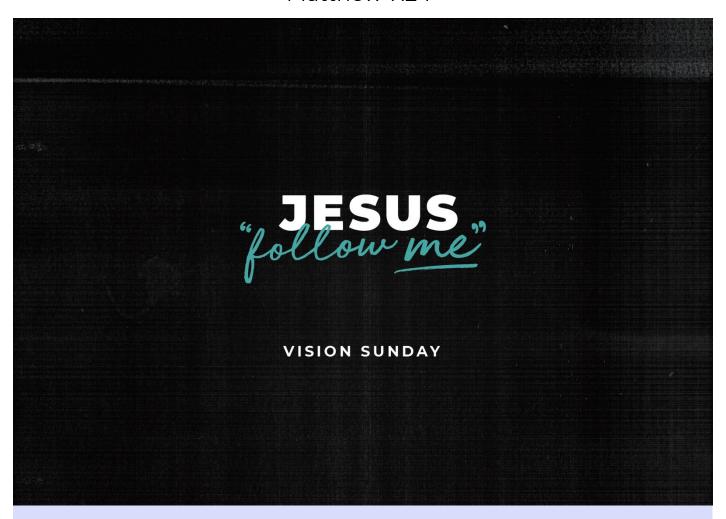
# York St Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

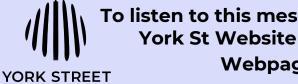
SUNDAY 28 February 2021

**Vision Series** 

Matthew 7:24



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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# **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** Can you think of a time when you followed Jesus in a decision you had to make? How did you know it was His leading or voice guiding you?

**Q2.** Have you ever said 'no' to God? What was that like, and why did you choose not to follow the prompting or leading?

## **INTO THE WORD**

#### Read Matthew 7:24

**Q3.** Jesus talks about not only listening to God's word, but putting it into practice. How often do you listen to a passage but not think about how you live that out, or you go to church only to forget what God was saying to you the moment you get home? Why is it so easy to listen to, but not act on what God is saying to us?

### Read Matthew 19:16-22

**Q4.** The young man in the story loved his wealth more than Jesus, he chooses the short-term benefit of worldly possessions over eternal life. Last week we spoke about taking our "masks off". With that in mind, what do you find hard to let go of in order to follow Jesus with all you have?

Spend some time praying for those areas as a small group, or offer that to God if you are doing this study as a personal devotion.

## **GOING DEEPER**

#### Read John 10:27

**Q5.** With so many distractions in life it is hard to stop and listen - our world rewards the busy and our culture idolises those who go above and beyond. How do we create space to 'listen to His voice'?

Is there a way you can keep accountable to creating space to listen to the voice of the Master?

**Q6.** Jesus knows us, He is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11). He knows us so well that He has a plan for each one of us and the only way to know that plan is to "Follow Him". How can you start tomorrow following God's plan and ensure that you don't follow your own ideas?

## Pray

Loving God, we ask that this year we would build our foundation upon your word, your spirit, and the prompting of your people that is the church. May we follow your voice, may we listen to its prompting and leading, and may we be both individuals and a church that boldly follows your loving plans for this world and those within our community.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.