

DTR – Fan or Follower

Luke 9: 23-26 / 57-62

D.T.R. stands for Define the Relationship. This is an official talk that takes place at some point in a romantic relationship to determine the level of commitment. You define the relationship and decide where things stand – is it casual, or is it committed. But there comes a point when it's important to Define the Relationship and you see if things have moved passed infatuation or admiration and moving towards deeper devotion and commitment. And how you feel about the DTR talk is determined by how committed you are to the relationship.

Luke 9:23 Jesus put it this way "If anyone would come after me he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.

Followers deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him...

A fan is simply defined as an enthusiastic admirer.

And the DTR question is this: Am I a Fan or a Follower ???

Jesus would put people in a position where they must choose... Sometimes there were large crowds following him like in Luke 14 and John 6 – and Jesus would preach a sermon that would determine who in the crowd were fans and who were followers. Jesus was never impressed by the size of the crowd, it's the commitment level that he cares about.

FAN #1 - in **verse 57** as they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Notice he says I will follow wherever you go. Wherever.

He's at least talking a good game- he says to Jesus I will follow you without reservation.

But look at verse 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

FAN #2 – VS 59-60 - "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

FAN #3 - VS 61 – 62 - "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."