### NOT A FAN Discussion Outline

May also be seen at www.john2031.com/fmc/naf/main.html

*If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Jesus, Luke 9:23*

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**Chapter 9 – Come After Me, a Passionate Pursuit**

1) Kyle Idleman is relentless in presenting Luke 9:23 as a core factor in being a follower of Jesus. He just won’t let go of that! Which line here best represents how you feel now?

- It’s something to think about, but - -
- I get sorta tired of hearing that all the time.
- I want to embrace that truth but don’t really know how to.
- It’s just not a practical concept for me.
- God is using that to do some deep work in my heart.
- I’m listening and learning and searching my heart.
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2) Have you chosen to deny your fleshly instincts and desires and “take up your cross” and follow Jesus in a new way as a result of this study? It might be a single event where you did that, or an area of your life that you turned over to His control at a deeper level.

3) P130, bottom. What does it say about our relationship with Jesus if it is true that “Come after Me” is a phrase that is commonly used in a romantic relationship?

4) P133, Matt. 13:44. How accurately does this parable describe the passion of the average American Christian? Or your passion?

5) P134 to top of 136, “Cohabiting with Jesus”. We really need to consider this!

6) P137+, “Lost that Lovin’ Feeling.” Do we understand how husbands and wives can lose some of their “first love” for each other because of the ongoingness of marriage - - and is it possible that the same thing can happen in our walk with Jesus? And if so, what should we do in both cases?

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**Chapter 10 – Deny – a Total Surrender**

1) What is your response to the first story in this chapter?

2) P144. Why did Jesus tell the rich young ruler that he needed to sell all? Does He say that to all of us? If not, why not? What is His point there?

3) P145, “Living in Denial.” The story there of the two young men who accepted Christ is touching. Did you feel that way when you got saved?

4) P146-147, “No Exception Clause.” That’s certainly a good thing for new believers, but how important is it that we take it seriously now as more mature believers?

5) P147, bottom. In what ways might we be tempted to be spiritual flexetarians?

6) Is that okay - - should we just trust God’s grace to cover us - - or do we need to do something about it?

7) Really - - what’s so bad about being a flexetarian anyway?

8) P148 and on, how do we feel about the concept of being a slave? Is this an accurate use of the Biblical words that describe our relationship with Jesus?

9) I’m told that Fairlawners only stay interested in a study like this for five or six weeks. Is that true, and if so, why would that be?