



Sermon Discussion Guide

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LUKE 9:57-62

ACCEPT

- Think of a time when someone caused you to change your mind about something important. What about that interaction led you to change your mind? Name a person you do not agree with who you have genuinely listened to lately.
- Think of a time when you have felt heard by someone who doesn't agree with you. What made you feel heard in that situation?

ENCOURAGE

“Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” **Proverbs 1:7**

- What were the positive, encouraging experiences people saw this week? Where might God have been in those situations?
- What were some of the difficult situations or experiences of the week? Where might God have been during those times?

Share Scriptural words of encouragement with each other based on how you have been praying for each other this week.

TEACH

Teaching Summary

In all of life, we have varying levels of commitment (closeness, or passion). We can be 1) Interested 2) Involved 3) Committed or 4) Surrendered. We see these levels of commitment in our work, sports, hobbies, ideas, with other people, and in our relationship with Jesus. This message will invite College Church to consider what level we are at in our relationship with Christ. It will encourage us to participate in full devotion, surrender, and total dedication to Jesus and how to help others in this journey. We want to move beyond the basic stages of interest and involvement and into the transformational levels of commitment and surrender.

Review Questions

1. If you were to rank your commitments, to whom or what are you most committed? How do you know?
2. In which level of commitment to Jesus would you place yourself?
 - a. Interested – Curious
 - b. Involved – Participant
 - c. Committed – Engaged
 - d. Surrendered – Devoted
3. What keeps you from following Jesus into the next level of relationship? What would need to happen for you to take the next step?

Transformation Questions

1. What do you think God is saying to you?
2. What is keeping you from doing this?
3. If you were to do it, what might be a good first step?
4. Who will you tell? Or who will you ask to help you?

REFLECT AND CORRECT

- As a group, take some time to inventory your actions from the last week. You can ask God to reveal moments when you didn't respond the way Jesus would respond. What moments in the last week do you wish you had done differently?
- Is there anything you can do to reconcile with someone about those moments? If so, what will you do? If not, how will you handle moments like those in the future?

SERVE

- As you have been listening to others in your group or organization this week, what are some of the longings they have for their lives? What are some of the losses they are feeling? Make a list and pray about ways you or your group might support that person in the coming weeks.

PRAY

Here is a guided prayer based on Psalm 131. The leader can start and people in the group can finish each sentence.

"Put your hope in the Lord—now and always."

(give people a moment to be silent and listen)

- "God, I'm not trying to rule the roost, I don't want to be king of the mountain. Lord, one thing I need to surrender is..."
- "I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp. God, I am worrying about..."
- "I have calmed and quieted myself, like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk. God, give me peace about..."

"Put your hope in the Lord—now and always."

Amen.

*Share ways you can pray for each other over the coming week.
Spend time praying with each other now, listening to God for ways to pray.*