

ICEBREAKER

What is the most impulsive, crazy purchase you have ever made? After the fact did you still enjoy your purchase or did you have buyer's regret?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read: John 10:10 (Read from all versions present)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• THE PRIORITY OF FOLLOW

Read: Luke 9:59-60

The following passages remind us of the priority and urgency of being a follower of Jesus Christ.

Read: Matthew 6:33

Exodus 20:3

Joshua 24:15

1 Kings 18:21

We have a priority to follow Jesus as believers. Our priorities switch from finite things to eternal things, from the tangible and physical things of the world to the spiritual truths of God.

Discuss your daily routine - what do you make a priority in your daily life? Where do you place emphasis with the time you have been allotted in your day?

What was one thing in the last few weeks that got in the way of this shifting of priorities? (It's ok to talk about it - we all struggle with this "shift" at times.)

• THE PRICE OF FOLLOW

Read: Matthew 16:24

The greatest example of greatest success coming at greatest cost is at the Cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus did on the Cross for us what we could not do for ourselves. If anyone wants to be a follower of Jesus Christ, they can't just add Jesus to what they already think is right - they must be willing to "give up for their own way" and submit entirely to Jesus. Jesus is not something we add to our lives. Jesus is someone we give our lives to. You will not discover the abundant life Jesus has for you as His followers if you won't pay the cost of following Jesus' ways.

Being a follower of Jesus is not about trying to fit His ways into our own. You must give up your ways to follow Him. Are you willing to pay that cost? Is the Church willing to pay that cost?

Share with your group about what God has been challenging you on over the last few weeks. In what way has this "cost" you something (time, talent or treasure).

• THE PROMISE OF FOLLOW

Read: Matthew 19:28

Hebrews 13:5

What God has done for others He'll do for you. The Bible tells us that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. In the midst of every crisis and conflict, God continues to work out His divine purposes. In fact, God often uses the conflict or a crisis in our lives as the catalyst to accomplish His purposes.

God's promises are complete and true. Which promise from God's Word have you stood on during a conflict or crisis in your life?

Are you facing a conflict or crisis? Share with the group what you are facing and take time to pray for one another and pray God's Word over those situations.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Ask yourself, "Do my concerns line up with God's concerns? Am I genuinely concerned for the lost souls around me or is my concern for my own comfort what consumes me?"

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Ask yourself this week: What will matter most in my life and in the lives of those I know in 100 years from now. Answer that question and then be about following this path forward.

Remember: ***Direction determines destination every time.***

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep our missionary family in Northern Asia in your prayers as this week's highlighted missionaries.

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