

Discussion Guide Challenge Accepted Wk1

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The Cost of Compromise

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Main Idea

We will be presenting 4 unique challenges throughout this month to you. We believe as you accept the challenge, God will do great things in and throughout your life. Are you willing to step up when God says 'there's more.'?"

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NCV)

Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help.

Additional Scripture: Genesis 13:1-18 and 14:11-16

What You Place Yourself Near, You'll Find Yourself In

Lot knew what he was doing when he got close to Sodom. What are you putting yourself close to right now that you should be fleeing from? What will you do now?

Additional Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Peter 5:8

Relevance will never be as effective as righteousness.

Community Is Crucial

Two are better than one! We were created for community. Check your circle. Are they calling you higher or dragging you lower? Are you surrounded by people who will say what you don't want to hear out of love? Who is it? If not, why not?

Additional Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, Proverbs 27:6

Whatever Has Been Taken Can Be Restored

God is standing with you, but we have a part to play. When was the last time you called on the name of the Lord? He rescues and restores us! Now we choose to live a holy life. What does living a holy life look like to you?

Additional Scripture: Romans 10:13

SUMMARY

Getting too close to the edge can lead to a trail of destruction in your life. We see that when we get too close, or place ourselves near to things that we should be staying away from, we end up finding ourselves living in it. This is why it's important to choose wisely in the friends that you make, and the companions that you keep. Find the right friends in a group that will walk with you in restoration.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Talk to some friends about what 2 Timothy 2:22 and 1 Peter 5:8 means to them.
2. Consider making community possible for others by leading a group of your own. Text "Lead" to 448448 and register a group of your own today.
3. God has a way of moving in powerful ways through small gatherings of people who are passionate about pursuing Him! So maybe the miracle you've been asking God for begins to unfold today with a simple act of faith, by joining a group. Text "Groups" to 448448 and join a group today.

Hope City has a great next step for you as you seek to discover your purpose through [Growth Track](#). We also offer a great way for you to make connections and be an encouragement to others is by [Leading](#) or [Joining](#) a Connect Group, or serving on a [Dream Team](#). If you need assistance you can email info@hopecity.com.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: I Am Blessed

Start by putting everyone in a circle and choosing a volunteer. That volunteer will say their name and something that they think makes them blessed. It can be something that happened that day, something that's very fortunate about their lives, or anything else that feels like a blessing.

After that person goes, you can go around the circle and every person will do the same thing. The only catch is that no one can share the same blessing. For example, if one person says "I am blessed because I have a career that allows me to feed my family," no one else can say that.

Modify it for more fun faith-based ice breaker games. You can have the starting volunteer throw a ball to a random person. That person has to go next.

This adds an element of surprise.

Alternatively, you can also have everyone write their names down and put them in a bowl. You pick the next player by drawing a name.