

Discussion Guide

The Summer Sessions Wk 1

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Don't Fake Your Faith

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Main Idea

As the hands and feet of Jesus, there is a responsibility and an opportunity to get our YES out of the way and fulfill the heartbeat of heaven here on earth. We are all called to the great commission. To simply get in the way of people's storms and point them to Jesus. To tell others the night and day difference that God made in us.

Mark 16:15 (NLT)

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Go With The Good News

Whether you're an introvert or an extrovert, people's lives are attached to our purpose. We need to tell them the "good news" of the hope and love found in Jesus. In what way do you need to G.O. - get out - of your comfort zone and into your community?

Read: Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 5:13-16

Love Is Essential

Walking in love is an action. It's a choice to choose to LOOK like Christ. How are you loving your neighbor? What hurt are you holding onto that is keeping you from demonstrating God's love to others?

Read: John 13:24-25; Mark 12:30-31; Colossians 3:17

God's Church Is Unstoppable

A church united is what the enemy is afraid of. We all make up the body of Christ. We won't be distracted by comparison if we are captivated by purpose. To what extent have you been playing the comparison game? What excellent form and marvelous function do you see yourself having?

Read: Romans 12:4-6

SUMMARY

God never wanted perfection. He just wants our hearts and He wants our YES. Here is our summer Challenge. We are called to GO with the good news and tell people about Jesus. Recognize that Christ's love is essential. We all have a mission to help build God's Church.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-20, and Acts 1:1-8. Write down what you learn, how it applies to your life, and what you need to do now.
2. Pastor Daniel mentioned that our love for God and from God requires and should compel us to love our neighbor. Jot down the names of your "neighbors" and begin praying for them daily.
3. Consider saying YES to serving during Days of Hope in the month of July. Check out hopecity.com/days-of-hope for more information.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Make Believe

Ask the members of your group one of these questions: If you could ...

- Go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go and why?
- Talk to anyone in the world (alive or dead), who would it be? Why?
- Wish one thing and have it come true this year, what would it be? Why?

* Tips: This icebreaker may take longer than others, depending on how much people want to share. Plan on 15-20 minutes for this icebreaker.