

## Discussion Guide

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# A Place Called Home WK1

## Bibs vs Aprons

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### Main Idea

Paul taught about two major themes - Jesus and The Kingdom. A Kingdom is an area ruled by a King, so when you hear "Kingdom of God" or "Kingdom of Heaven" it literally refers to an area ruled by heaven. Our job is to create a home for the King, to establish His kingdom everywhere we go.

### Anchor Verse:

"Boldly and without hindrance [the Apostle Paul] preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 28:31).

### When we cross the border, we are agreeing to submit to its rules.

When we become citizens of that kingdom, we can begin establishing that kingdom everywhere! Whether it be in our Physical Homes or our Home Church, we are establishing a zone where God's presence and Heaven's realities can invade!

Read Revelation 21:4

Where can you see that you are helping establish God's Kingdom? What characteristics stand out to you?

**We are CALLED to contribute to a Place called Home!**

There is a cost to building a HOME. it takes time, energy, money, and at times discomfort to create a home!

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Philippians 4:15-19

What are you investing to build His Kingdom? What does generosity look like to you? What has been your biggest struggle with generosity?

**God has a disproportionate response to those who put his church first in order to establish his Home.**

He rewards those who are faithful to invest in His Kingdom. God would be unjust if he DIDN'T show special favor.

Read Hebrews 6:10

What have you experienced as benefits of investing in God's Kingdom? How has that encouraged your faith to do more?

**Don't settle for a Bib when you can experience an Apron!**

ALL throughout the Gospels, you'll hear about 2 groups of people: the Disciples and the Multitudes. When Jesus fed the 5000, there were multitudes who got a MEAL, but only the Disciples saw the MIRACLE!

Read Psalm 92:13; Matthew 11:12

Your first step is SIMPLE: HC connect! Then, find a Dream Team!

## **SUMMARY**

So, when your pastors ask you to go to "HC Connect" every week, it's NOT for THEIR benefit! It's for YOURS! YOU need ministry more than THEY NEED YOU in ministry. YOU need generosity more than THEY NEED YOU to be generous. The only way to change this is by taking off the Bib and putting on an Apron!

## CALL TO ACTION

1. Consider TITHING - giving 10% to build the Kingdom of God at Hope City. If you've never set up recurring giving, today is a great day to start. Click [HERE](#) to start today.
2. Consider serving on a Dream Team. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

### **Game: My Favorite Gift**

You can learn a lot about people from what they say about presents. What do they like to give or receive? Ask people to share their favorites, and you're sure to gain insight into their personality (plus learn some cool new gift ideas in the process).

Variations of the question:

What is the most surprising gift you've ever given or received?

What was the most exciting gift you've ever given or received?

What was the most thoughtful gift you've ever given or received?