

LIFE GROUP SESSION 2: FROM COMFORTABLE TO COMMITTED

LIFE GROUPS VIDEO



Play the LIFE Groups Video for Session 2 and share reflections from the video afterward.

Pray before you begin the rest of the lesson.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. Who are the people in your life who know the most about you? Your family? Friends? Coworkers? Others?
2. Have you ever just “phoned something in?” If so, would you be willing to share the story? Who in your life would know if you were truly committed to something or if you were just “phoning it in?”
3. What does commitment require? What is something in your life that you are committed to at such a high level that you forsake and sacrifice other things in order to stay committed to it?

FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM SCRIPTURE



Read each Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group.

Relinquishing our comfort causes us to become more committed to God and the people of God.

ACTS 2:42-47 (NIV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

1. Why did the believers sell their possessions to anyone who had need? What prompted this?
2. What type of commitment is required to live in community like this with other people? What must be sacrificed in order to “give as anyone had need?”
3. What is something you hold as part of your “comfort” that would be difficult to give up if asked? This could be a material possession, monetary savings, or another comfort item.
4. Do you feel you are honoring God with 100 percent of what He has given you? Is He asking you to release any of your comforts to be more committed to Him?

Godly commitment requires a boldness that comes only from spending time with Jesus.

ACTS 4:1-13; 27-31 (NIV)

¹ The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest’s family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

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²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

1. Why does the writer of Acts say that Peter and John must have been with Jesus (Acts 4:13)? What was significant about their statements here?
2. Do you consider yourself a person of boldness? Why or why not?
3. What gives you your boldness to go on your Cannonball journey? Are you doing it? Do you need help/encouragement in this area?

PRAY FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP



Pray for each person in your LIFE Group as they consider their next steps in Cannonball. During this midpoint of the Cannonball journey, we are praying that 100 percent of us at Community would take a step of faith in one of three ways:

1. For those who have not yet joined the Cannonball journey, be challenged to step out in faith and make a commitment to generosity for our final year of Cannonball. Trust God in this area of giving, and take that step with us as a church as we boldly trust Him without borders.
2. If you are on the Cannonball journey and find yourself “still in the choppy waters,” giving it everything you’ve got, be encouraged. Commit to finishing strong. There is a reason why you made your original Cannonball commitment, and we encourage you in that as you step out in faith in this final year of Cannonball. Be bold. Stay strong together.
3. For others on the Cannonball journey, you stepped out “into the choppy waters” last year, and your journey has never been easy at all. However, one year later, you now find yourself back in calm waters. Maybe you’ve had an increase in faith, an increase in finances, or possibly God’s provision has surprised you. Now you find yourself in a position where you don’t feel you are living as much by faith as you are by plans. You are ready for yet another step of faith in this journey. You want to step out back into the “choppy” again. You want to please God by living that true Cannonball journey. Do it. Take another step.

Let's pray.