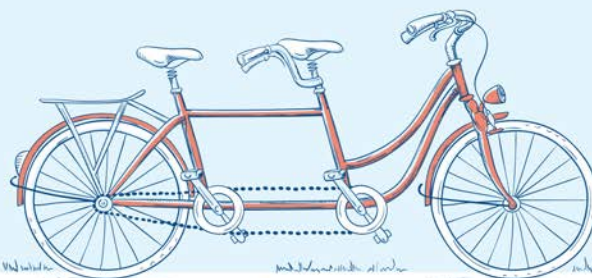


BETTER
Together



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Week #2

Member Guide

THE WIN

Groups will be challenged to grow into a new level of priority in commitment to each other.

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In the sermon this week we learned from Hebrews 10:19-25 that real commitment requires acts of discipline, is built on sacrificial commitment and offers life changing benefits.

Based on the sermon, why is faithfully gathering in a worship service and as a Lifegroup Important to our spiritual health?

WARM UP

Part 1

The situation is dire — following a shipwreck, everyone has been stranded on a deserted island! Everyone is allowed to bring one object to the island. What would you bring?

Part 2

After everyone has introduced their object and shared their reasons why, divide into smaller groups. Ask each group to work together to improve their chances of survival by combining their individual objects with one additional group object. Have each group choose a representative to share why they think their survival plan is the best.

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Have someone read Hebrews 10:19-25

The first 4 verses in this passage explain why believers in Jesus are able to enter with confidence into an amazing intimate relationship with God through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. Verses 24 & 25 deal with how we are to grow our faith in God through committed relationships we have with other Christians.

- Since we have been given this amazing invitation to enter into God's Holy presence anytime, anywhere, why is it still difficult for us to have faith in God during difficult seasons?
- Describe a time in your life where you went through struggles and did not want to tell others what you were going through. What was your experience?
- Now that you belong to a LifeGroup how have you grown in sharing your struggles? How has sharing helped you grow in your faith?

Most all of us are overwhelmed by busyness. We all have many things pulling at us and demanding our attention. Most of us would say there is not enough time in a day.

- Have there been times when you came to a LifeGroup meeting when you did not feel like it? What was the main cause of your feelings?
- How did you benefit from the meeting?
- What would you be doing tonight if you had not attended tonight's meeting?

Break into two groups and look up the following scriptures. Have each group write down a list of action words from the verses. Have one person from each group share the findings of their work to the whole group.

Group 1- Ephesians 5:2, Luke 9:24, Romans 6:13, Luke 14:33, Matthew 10:38, Luke 15:27, Matthew 16:24-25, Romans 12:1-2, John 12:25, Luke 14:27, Romans 8:13, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:3, Colossians 3:5, John 3:30

Group 2- John 15:13, Acts 2:44-45, 1John 3:16-18, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Galatians 6:9, 1Peter 4:8-9, Hebrews 13:16, 1 Peter 4:2, Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:24, Proverbs 17:17, 1 John 4:7-8, Romans 12:10, Ephesians 4:2, 1 John 4:21, 1 Peter 3:8,

- From your study of Scripture, how would you describe the commitment we are asked to give to Christ?
- How would you describe the commitment we should have for each other?
- What should be our prime motive for meeting together?

Have the group break into the 2 groups again and have them make a list of 10 creative ways we could intentionally integrate and commit our lives together throughout the week, between LifeGroup meetings. Then have the 2 groups share their lists with each other and have them decide on the top three ideas to implement.

DIGGING DEEPER

The “Better Together” series is designed to help those who are just sitting in rows on Sunday morning to step out of their comfort or out of their fears and into a Lifegroup where they can experience a new family in Christ. Discuss together what your group can do this Sunday, between services to draw those who are sitting in rows into your circle.

CLOSING THOUGHT

“The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and His work become the one and only thing that is vital between us.” —Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together