

Life Group Discussion Guide

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Part 2: Wrong Thinking

Introduction

Earl Nightingale says, "All you need is the plan, the road map and the courage to press on to your destination."

Scripture References

- Philipians 3:12-14
- 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Discussion Kick Off

1. Can you describe a moment when all of the values/goals in your life changed significantly? What inspires your passion and why?
2. Paul describes what he was passionate about prior to his conversion and he considered those things rubbish now. What were you passionate about before surrendering your life to Christ? What does it mean to say that you now view these things as rubbish?

Evaluate It

1. Read Philipians 3:12. What is it Paul is trying to obtain?
2. Read Philipians 3:12-14. Why does Paul tell us to press on? When is a time you had to press on?
3. We all have stuff that we have to deal with: failures, weaknesses and struggles. What hope does Philipians 3:12-13 offer us?
4. Why is it necessary to go all out to obtain this prize? Why is forgetting just as important as straining toward?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:20-21. Stuart says, "We need to side-step argument land mines." How do we do this?

Make It Personal

1. What are some things in your life that you have had to leave behind in order to follow Christ?
2. What might you have to leave behind in order to love Jesus and desire him with the same intensity as Paul? What keeps you from full obedience?

Automobile genius Henry Ford once came up with a revolutionary plan for a new kind of engine which we know today as the V-8. Ford was eager to get his great new idea into production. He had some men draw up the plans, and presented them to the engineers. As the engineers studied the drawings, one by one they came to the same conclusion. Their visionary boss just didn't know much about the fundamental principles of engineering. He'd have to be told gently-his dream was impossible. Ford said, "Produce it anyway." They replied, "But it's impossible." "Go ahead," Ford commanded, "and stay on the job until you succeed, no matter how much time is required." For six months they struggled with drawing after drawing, design after design. Nothing. Another six months. Nothing. At the end of the year Ford checked with his engineers and they once again told him that what he wanted was impossible. Ford told them to keep going. They did. And they discovered how to build a V-8 engine.

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a life or table group? Leadership can be shared, or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
 - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
 - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or jason@fccetown.com.

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