

Life Group Discussion Guide

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
HEART AND MIND OF A DISCIPLE
PHILIPPIANS 2:12
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INTRODUCTION

Jesus made it perfectly clear to His disciples what they should do to spread His message of grace and salvation after He was gone.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20) He made it clear in his command and those same words speak to what Christians must still do today. We are to share our faith and live our lives in such a way that we can explain to nonbelievers the amazing changes Christ Jesus made in our lives.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group of a time when you were not very responsible. What did you learn? How did things turn out?
2. In your opinion what is the hardest part of dealing with the expectation placed upon you as a Christian?

EVALUATE IT

1. Doug asked the question, “What is my responsibility as a disciple of Jesus?” How would you answer that question?
2. Read Philippians 2:12. What does it mean to work out your salvation? Is salvation dependent upon our works?
3. Doug challenged us to “Make sure your heart is humbly submitted to Jesus and for the good of others.” Why is this essential?
4. Doug pointed out that Jesus’ mind was formed by scripture. What practical steps can we take to ensure we, like Jesus, have minds that are formed by scripture?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Answer the question Doug asked, "Where do I start or how do I keep moving forward in becoming more like Jesus?"
2. What does "taking responsibility of your heart and mind so your heart is humbly submitted and your mind is being biblically formed" look like for you?

ILLUSTRATION

A young man who works in an aquarium explained that the most popular fish is the shark. If you catch a small shark and confine it, it will stay a size proportionate to the aquarium. Sharks can be six inches long yet fully matured. But if you turn them loose in the ocean, they grow to their normal length of eight feet. That also happens to some Christians. I've seen some of the cutest little six-inch Christians who swim around in a little puddle. But if you put them into a larger arena-into the whole creation-only then can they become great.

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