

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

Adjusting your life to God is the second critical turning point in your knowing and doing the will of God. The first turning point was the crisis of belief—you must believe God is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do. Making the adjustment of your life to God also is a turning point. If you choose to make the adjustment, you can go on to obedience. If you refuse to make the adjustment, you could miss what God had in store for your life. You will be of little use to God. Your greatest single difficulty in following God may come at the point of the adjustment. Every time God spoke to people in the Scripture about something He wanted to do through them, major adjustments were necessary. They had to adjust their lives to God. Once the adjustments were made, God accomplished His purposes through those He called.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What adjustment have you made that resulted in something good in your life? What adjustment did you NOT make that you should've made? What happened then?
2. Our tendency is to want to skip the adjustment and go from believing God to obedience. If you want to follow Him, you don't have that choice. His ways are so different than yours (Isa. 55:9) that the only way to follow Him will require an adjustment of your life to His ways.
 - a. Elisha and the Rich Young Ruler were given invitations to join God. Read about them in 1 Kings 19:15-21 (Elisha) and Luke 18:18-27 (Rich Young Ruler).
 - b. What adjustment was required of each? What was the response of each?
3. Adjustments may be required in one or more of the following areas:
 - In your circumstances (like job, home, finances, and others)
 - In your relationships (family, friends, business associates, and others)
 - In your thinking (prejudices, methods, your potential, and others)
 - In your commitments (to family, church, job, plans, tradition, and others)
 - In your actions (how you pray, give, serve, and others)
 - In your beliefs (about God, His purposes, His ways, your relationship to Him, and others)

Read each of the following Scriptures. What kind of adjustment was (or is) required in each? Some may call for more than one type of adjustment. Write a letter or letters in each blank.

Scriptures

- _____ 1. Matthew 4:18-22
- _____ 2. Matthew 5:43-48
- _____ 3. Matthew 6:5-8
- _____ 4. Matthew 20:20-28
- _____ 5. Acts 10:1-20

Adjustments

- A. In circumstances
- B. In relationships
- C. In thinking
- D. In commitments
- E. In actions
- F. In beliefs

4. What adjustment(s) do you think God wants you to make in your life right now? Remember: God frequently requires adjustments in areas you have never considered or been open to in the past.

MOVING FORWARD

Anytime you go from where you are to where God is working requires a major adjustment in your life. That is because God's ways and plans are much better than our own best plans and thinking.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

19 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.