



Part 7: We Obey

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

Reality 1: God is always at work around me.

Reality 2: God pursues a continuing love relationship with me that is real and personal.

Reality 3: God invites me to become involved with Him in His work.

Reality 4: God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church.

Reality 5: God's invitation to work with Him always leads me to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

Reality 6: I must make major adjustments in my life to join God in what He is doing.

Reality 7: You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Recall your understanding of God when you first began walking with Him. How have your experiences expanded our knowledge of Him?
2. What's been the scariest step of faith so far in your walk with God? What made it so significant? How did God prove faithful?
3. Read John 14:15, 14:24, John 15:8-10, Luke 6:46-49, 1 John 2:3-6, Ephesians 2:8-10 and list as many things as you can about obedience. In particular what is the relationship between faith and obedience?
4. On a scale of 1 – 10 (1=stubborn rebellion: 10=eager obedience) how obedient are you to God's Word?
5. "you cannot obey Him unless you believe and trust Him. You cannot believe and trust Him, unless you love Him. You cannot love Him, unless you know Him." What does your current obedience reveal about your love for and relationship with God? (see scale above). What do you need to do more: trusting? loving? Or knowing?
6. What are some things you know God wants you to do that you aren't currently doing?

MOVING FORWARD

John 14:24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

When you come to a moment of truth when you must choose whether to obey God, you cannot obey Him unless you believe and trust Him. You cannot believe and trust Him, unless you love Him. You cannot love Him, unless you know Him.