

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *How To Deal With Rejection*

### **INTO THE BIBLE**

*If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me.*

**John 15:18-21 NLT**

*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

**Galatians 1:10 NIV**

*He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

**Isaiah 53:3 ESV**

*Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."*

**Luke 23:34a NLT**

*And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

**Matthew 3:17 NIV**

# **SERMON TAKEAWAYS**

## **TWO MOTIVATIONS FOR PEOPLE**

- 1. “So That”**
    - **For Acceptance**
    - **For Approval**
    - **Insecurity**
  - 2. “Because”**
    - **From Acceptance**
    - **From Approval**
    - **Confidence**
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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Share a time when you were rejected. How did that feel and how did that mark you?*
- 2. Have you operated out of a “So That” mentality or a “Because” mentality?*
- 3. How does knowing that Jesus did ministry “from acceptance” change your perspective of how you do ministry?*
- 4. How would your life be different if you lived in such a way that you had nothing to prove because you knew God already approves of you?*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

*This week prayerfully examine your heart. If there is anything you are doing “so that” ask God to give you the mentality “because” He loves you.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***THRIVE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE - September 17-18, 2021***

*Make plans to join us for this year's Thrive Marriage Conference. We will hear from the New York Times best-selling authors Les and Leslie Parrott. We also will have Ted Cunningham, founder pastor of Woodland Hills Church in Branson, Missouri. Ted has written and co-written several books. His latest release is “A Love That Laughs.” For more information or to register please visit <https://event-39306-a081.pushpayevents.com/booking/attendees/new>*