



“Challenged & Changed: Trusting God When He Convicts” HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of October 11, 2026

1 Let's Recap from last week!

Did anyone memorize this week's memory verse? Say the verse if you know it!

ICEBREAKER: If you could add one extra hour to every day, how would you spend it, and why? After everyone shares, pray for your group time.

2 Let's Review the Message

In Luke 14:16-24, Jesus tells a parable about a man who prepares a great banquet and invites many guests. However, the invited guests begin making excuses. One is focused on personal interests, another on business, and another on relationships. All of them allow other priorities to take the place of the invitation.

We can fall into the same pattern today. Work, school, entertainment, friendships, dating, marriage, and parenting can all become distractions from growing in our relationship with God. These things are not necessarily wrong, but they become a problem when we consistently allow them to push God aside.

God's conviction is not meant to leave us in shame; it is an invitation to turn back to Him and experience His transforming grace

3 Let's Read the Word

Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 6:33; Mark 1:35

4 Let's Think

- The message identifies three common excuses: **self-interest, business, and relationships**. Which of these do you think is most common in our culture today? Why?
- What do excuses reveal about priorities?

5 Let's Share

- What is the biggest distraction that has made it difficult for you to spend consistent time with God?
- Have you ever used being busy, tired, or having other responsibilities as a reason to put off something you knew God was calling you to do?
- When God convicts you about something in your life, how do you usually respond? Do you draw closer to Him, become defensive, or avoid dealing with it?

6 Let's Do the Word

- What is one practical change you can make this week to become more consistent in prayer and reading the Bible?
- What steps can you take to become more involved in Christian community rather than trying to grow spiritually on your own?

7 Let's Grow

- For the next seven days, intentionally make room for God and take one step toward removing a distraction that has been keeping you from Him.
- Next week be ready to share this with the group: *This week, I will stop using _____ as an excuse and start _____ to grow closer to God.*
- Memorize Matthew 6:33 this week

8 Let's Pray

- Thank God for realigning our lives to not allow busyness, personal interests, or relationships to take priority over our walk with Him.
- Pray together over any requests.

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