

A stylized tree with a brown trunk and branches, green leaves, and blue, cloud-like flowers. A red banner with the word "MANTRAS" in white capital letters is draped across the trunk. The background is a textured brown with a repeating pattern of light blue and brown geometric shapes, including what looks like a scythe or sickle and a circular object.

# MANTRAS

## **Mantras** (April 11 to May 9)

*Teams and businesses often use mantras to inspire, to remind, and to define. From “Just Do It” to “Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can’t Lose,” these mantras are memorable. Likewise, every church has metaphors or phrases helping define core values, vision, and mission. Redemption is no different. These phrases help us define what this church is all about. Phrases like “Be The Branch,” “Catch The Wind,” “Grip The Plow,” “Empty The Jar,” and “Wreck The Roof” are quick and memorable ways for us to remember to keep our eyes focused on the true priorities of Jesus and His church.*

## **Group Discussion**

*Scripture: Luke 9:57-62*

**Getting started:** *Would you rather watch a game or sporting event, or be the one playing the game?*

1. Read Luke 9:57-58. Why do you think Jesus responded this way? When has following Jesus caused you to step out of your comfort zone? When you have to choose between Jesus and comfort, which do you typically choose?
2. We said in the sermon, “saying yes to Jesus, means saying no to yourself.” What has saying yes to Jesus made you say no to?
3. Read Luke 9:59-60. What was this man’s excuse? Why do you think Jesus responded this way? Any time Jesus calls you to something and your first words are, “But first,” there’s a problem. Are you putting off something God wants you to do now, by telling him later?
4. Read Luke 9:61-62. What was this man’s excuse? Why do you think Jesus responded this way? As a follower of Jesus, are you ever tempted to look back on your old life and miss it or romanticize parts of it?
5. Thinking back on previous mantras, how essential is it that you “be the branch” and “catch the wind” before you “grip the plow?”

# Next Steps

To “Grip the Plow” means to work hard for the Kingdom, moving out of our comfort zone, getting “dirty in the field,” and committing to the mission of the church.

This weekend we asked everyone who is a part of the church to commit to something by filling out a simple card that said:

**I commit to** \_\_\_\_\_.

What are you committing to?



*May 14 & 15. A two-day event for men.  
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