



Killers of Faith - Part 5

Group Leader Guide

Key Theme:

Disobedience rarely begins with rebellion—it usually begins with delay, excuses, or trusting our own understanding more than God's voice. A life of faith is built on hearing the Holy Spirit and responding with immediate obedience.

LEADER PREPARATION

Big Idea

Faith grows when we consistently say "Yes" to the Holy Spirit. Every act of obedience strengthens our relationship with God, while delayed obedience slowly dulls our sensitivity to His voice.

Key Scriptures

- John 14:15
- Proverbs 3:5–6
- John 10:27
- James 1:22
- Luke 11:28

Desired Outcome

By the end of the evening participants should:

- Recognize subtle forms of disobedience.
- Identify where they have been delaying obedience.
- Learn to distinguish confidence in themselves from confidence in God.
- Commit to one specific act of obedience this week.

Icebreaker (10–15 min)

"The Instruction Challenge"

Ask everyone:

What's the funniest or most expensive thing that happened because someone ignored instructions?

Allow everyone to share briefly.

Transition:

Sometimes ignoring God's instructions doesn't seem serious in the moment either. Tonight we're looking at why even delayed obedience slowly damages our walk with God.

MESSAGE VIDEO (9 MIN)

Message Recap

Ask different members to summarize the message.

Help fill in the following points.

Main Ideas

1. Disobedience is the final killer.

Even after selfishness, pride, apathy and unforgiveness have been dealt with, disobedience can still prevent us from living the life of faith God intended.

2. God's love language is obedience.

John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My commands."

Jesus measures our love less by our words than by our willingness to obey.

3. Delayed obedience is still disobedience.

Disobedience often hides behind phrases like:

- "I'll do it later."
- "I'm waiting for confirmation."
- "I'll obey when it's more convenient."

Eventually, repeated delay dulls our ability to hear God's voice.

4. Intelligence can become an accomplice.

Knowledge is good.

Overconfidence is dangerous.

When we trust our own understanding more than God's leading, we stop walking by faith.

5. The answer is simple.

Say YES.

Repent.

Listen.

Repeat.

Scripture Reading (20 min)

Read John 14:15–21 together.

Observation Questions

- What does Jesus connect directly with love?
- Who does Jesus promise after speaking about obedience?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in these verses?

Read Proverbs 3:5–6

Ask

- What does it mean to lean on your own understanding?
- Why is trusting God sometimes difficult?
- What promise does God make to those who submit to Him?

Discussion (30 min)

Looking Back

Which part of Sunday's message challenged you most?

Digging Deeper

1.

The message says disobedience usually starts small.

What are some "respectable" forms of disobedience Christians often overlook?

Examples:

- procrastination
- fear
- excuses
- partial obedience
- comfort

2.

Why do you think delayed obedience becomes easier every time we delay?

Have you experienced becoming less sensitive to God's prompting?

3.

The message calls intelligence an accomplice.

Discuss:

How can intelligence become pride?

Where is the difference between wisdom and self-reliance?

4.

Which Biblical example mentioned stood out most?

- Adam & Eve
- Abraham
- Moses
- David

What warning does their story give us?

5.

Why does God value obedience so highly?

What does obedience reveal about our relationship with Him?

Application (20 min)

Leader:

This is the most important part of tonight. Don't rush it. Allow silence where needed.

Personal Reflection

Ask everyone to quietly reflect for two or three minutes.

Invite them to ask:

"Holy Spirit, where have I been saying 'later' instead of 'yes'?"

Encourage everyone to write down whatever comes to mind.

Share (Optional)

If people feel comfortable, invite them to share one area where God has been prompting them.

Examples:

- forgiving someone
- serving
- generosity
- restoring a relationship
- baptism
- joining a ministry
- sharing their faith
- spending time with God
- breaking a sinful habit

The "Yes" Challenge

Ask each person to complete this sentence:

"This week my next act of obedience is..."

Encourage them to make it:

- specific
- measurable
- immediate

For example:

- I will phone my brother tonight.
- I will apologise tomorrow.
- I will pray every morning before checking my phone.
- I will sign up to serve on Sunday.
- I will invite my colleague to church.

Pair people up and have them share their commitment with one another.

Partners should pray specifically that each person would have courage to obey.

Accountability

Before everyone leaves:

Ask each participant to choose one person in the group who will check in with them during the week.

Suggested questions:

- Did you do what God asked?
- What happened?
- What did you learn?
- How did your faith grow?

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray together:

Father, thank You for speaking throughout this series. Forgive us for the times we have delayed, ignored or resisted Your voice. Give us hearts that respond quickly with obedience. Teach us to trust You more than our own understanding. Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit and help us become people who hear Your voice and joyfully say "yes." May our obedience strengthen our faith and draw us into the life You have prepared for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader's Final Encouragement

Remind the group that this series hasn't simply been about identifying the "killers" of faith—it has been about cultivating a lifestyle of intimacy with God. Every day presents new opportunities to choose humility over pride, forgiveness over bitterness, selflessness over selfishness, passion over apathy, and obedience over delay. Encourage everyone to celebrate small acts of faithfulness this week, because a life of extraordinary faith is built through ordinary moments of saying "**yes**" to God.