

Go Deeper

Disciple Group Leader Guide

THE GREATER YES

Based on Deuteronomy 6

Opening

This week's message challenges us to move beyond simply saying yes to God and to actually live out that yes through obedience. In Deuteronomy 6, God's people were called to hear His commands, follow them, and pass them on to the generations that followed. Our obedience affects more than just our own lives. A greater yes means allowing God to transform us, choosing obedience even when it is uncomfortable, and living in a way that leaves a lasting legacy. Today, we'll talk about what it means to give God more than a convenient yes and what He may be asking us to surrender and obey.

Ice Breaker

What's something you've said yes to that ended up requiring more from you than you originally expected?

Opening Prayer

Ask God to give everyone an open heart and a willingness to listen to what He is saying. Pray for the courage to recognize areas where God is calling each person to deeper obedience.

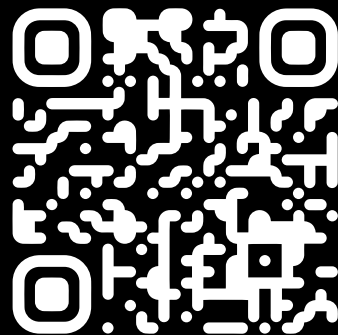
Read Together

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

(Optional: Ask several group members to read portions of the passage.)

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Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. God Is Not Calling Us to Conform, but to Transform

God has called His people to be set apart. Following Jesus won't always look like following the culture around us. God wants to transform the way we think, live, and respond so that our lives reflect Him. Remaining Connected to Jesus Produces Spiritual Fruit.

2. Your Yes Has a Legacy

Our obedience doesn't stop with us. The decisions we make today can influence our families, our homes, and generations we may never meet. One faithful yes can become a testimony someone else builds their faith upon. Someone coming after you may walk through a door your obedience opened.

3. God Is Not Honored by Words Without Obedience

Knowing what God says is not the same as obeying what He says. Our faith becomes visible when what we believe begins to shape how we live.

A real yes to God eventually shows up in the way we live.

4. Obedience Fuels the Fire

The fire on the altar was never meant to go out. In the same way, a passionate relationship with God requires continual surrender and obedience. Yesterday's obedience cannot replace today's surrender. Every act of obedience adds fuel to what God is doing in our lives.

Discussion Questions

Set Apart, Not Blended In: Romans 12:2

Following God means allowing Him to transform us rather than simply conforming to what is around us.

- *Where do you think Christians feel the most pressure to "blend in"?*
- *What does being set apart actually look like in everyday life?*
- *Why do you think God wants to transform us before using us to influence others?*

When Yes Requires Action: James 1:22

It's possible to know what God says without actually doing what He says.

- *Why is it sometimes easier to agree with God's Word than to obey it?*
- *Is there something God has already spoken to you that you've put off?*
- *What can get in the way of obedience?*

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Convenient Yes vs. Greater Yes:

A convenient yes says, "I'll follow God as long as it doesn't cost me too much."

- *What makes obedience difficult when God's direction conflicts with what we want?*
- *Have you ever obeyed God even when it was difficult? What did you learn from it?*

Keep the Fire Burning: John 14:21

Our relationship with God requires continual surrender. Yesterday's obedience cannot replace today's.

- *What helps you stay spiritually connected to God?*
- *What can cause our passion for God to grow cold?*

Sermon Truth

- A greater yes is more than agreeing with God—it is choosing to trust Him enough to obey Him. Our obedience allows God to transform us, influence the people around us, and leave a legacy that points others toward Him.

Leader Insight

- This conversation may lead people toward areas of personal conviction. Don't feel the need to immediately explain away conviction or give someone an answer. Give people space to recognize what God may be speaking to them. The goal is to help them identify where God is inviting them into deeper trust and obedience.

Application

Ask each person to answer one or more of the following:

- Which part of the message challenged you the most?
- *Where is God asking you to live differently rather than blend in?*
- *Is there something God has already asked you to do that you haven't obeyed?*
- *What would giving God your "greater yes" look like in your life right now?*
- *What kind of legacy is your obedience creating?*

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."

Closing Challenge

Don't settle for a convenient yes. Then take one practical step of obedience.

- It may be something uncomfortable, something you've been putting off, something you need to surrender, or something God has already spoken that you simply need to act on.

This Week's Challenge

- Identify one specific area of obedience where God is asking for a greater yes.
- Write it down and commit to taking one practical step this week.

Then ask yourself:

- "If someone followed my example, where would my yes to God lead them?"

Closing Reflection

Before you leave, take a moment to quietly reflect:

- *What is God asking me to say yes to?*
- *Is my life reflecting the yes I say with my words?*
- *What am I currently modeling for the people coming after me?*

Take a moment of quiet reflection, then close the group in prayer.

Closing Prayer

God, give us the courage to give You our yes even when obedience is uncomfortable, costly, or requires us to let go of what we would rather hold onto. Transform every part of our lives that does not reflect You. Let our obedience leave a legacy that points others toward You. Keep the fire of devotion burning within us, and never allow our words to say yes while our lives say no. Give us the faith to trust Your voice, the courage to obey Your Word, and the surrender to choose Your will above our own. Let our lives be a living yes to You. Amen.

Leader Notes

- Create a safe environment for honest conversation. Some people may recognize an area where God is asking them to make a difficult change.
- Don't assume everyone's "greater yes" will look the same. Give people room to listen to God personally.
- When someone shares an area of disobedience, avoid turning the conversation into advice-giving. Ask questions that help them think through what obedience could look like.
- Encourage the group to think beyond personal obedience and consider the influence their choices have on their families and the people coming behind them.
- Follow up - reach out to group members during the week

Leader Reminder: Your role is to facilitate discussion, not deliver another sermon. Encourage participation, keep the conversation rooted in Scripture, and create space for the Holy Spirit to work through God's Word and within your group.