



The Role of Obedience

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: John 10:7-10

So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door, if anyone enters by me, they will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to kill and steal and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

1. Describe the relationship between the shepherd and sheep.
 2. Discuss the difference between the mission of the ‘thief’ and the mission of Jesus.
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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. The Requirement of Obedience (John 14:23, Luke 14:33):
 - How do you *feel* about passages like this? How do you feel about required obedience?
 - What are the dangers of disobedience?
4. Obedience - The Motive of Human Flourishing:

Jesus said, *“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, they will be saved and will go in & out to pasture.”*

 - The Master plan is FOR the flourishing of humanity. What does that mean for you?
 - What would be your ideal “pasture?”
 - Jesus said that *“His yoke is easy and His burden is light.”* What could you surrender to Him to make that true for you?

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5. Obedience – The Invitation to Look Beyond Ourselves:

Jesus said, *“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.”*

- Which is easier for you: your relationship with others, or your relationship with God?
 - Share a story of how you have been impacted by someone else choosing to “love their neighbor as themselves.”
 - Talk about the connection between obedience and showing FOR-ness towards others.
 - As discussed on Sunday, “The most mature stage of obedience is obedience FOR the flourishing of others, not just myself.” What is one way/area you could practically improve this in your life?
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Surrender: Committing to the path of ultimate human flourishing by leading others into the FOR-ness of Jesus

6. How can you *“change the question”* in your life?

- a. Make the switch from “Is _____ a sin” TO “What love is required of me?”

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

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