



Faith Community Church
Leave the Familiar
(A Call to Revival)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer:** Father, break the clinging grasp we have to the familiar - to the safety in what we know - and give us courage to surrender all to You.

🗨️ **Icebreaker:** Share one everyday thing you prefer to keep familiar or routine. What makes you hold to that routine?

🔑 **Key Points**

- 1. Appearances.** Things are not always as they appear—outward church activity or a “good Christian life” can hide the quiet spiritual disease of sameness and familiarity.
- 2. Common Attitudes.** The attitudes toward God seen in Manasseh’s day still appear in churches today: apathy (“I don’t care”), half-hearted familiarity (worshiping God but staying in the old “high places”), and genuine repentance that leads to revival.
- 3. Familiarity.** Familiarity feels safe and controllable, but it can become an idol that keeps us from wholehearted worship, growth, and obedience.
- 4. Revival.** God is calling us to destroy the high places of comfort and routine so we can love and follow Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

💬 **Discussion Questions**

1. Did you seek to grow in boldness, blamelessness, or being a blessing last week?
2. Where do you personally notice the pull of “spiritual sameness” or routine in your own walk with God right now? (Matthew 7:21-23)
3. How does the story of Manasseh’s radical turnaround encourage (or challenge) you when you think about people who seem far from God? (2 Kings 21:9, 2 Chron 33:1-13)
4. In what ways might we still try to worship or serve God “on our own terms and turf”? What are some modern “high places” of familiarity that can quietly limit our growth or keep us from full surrender? (Galatians 4:8-10, Galatians 5:13-15)

5. Revelation 3:16 and Mark 12:30 both speak strongly about lukewarmness versus wholehearted love. As a group, brainstorm what wholehearted love looks like. (Acts 2:42-42)

6. Manasseh's first step was repentance. How can that step prepare us for God's revival? (Psalm 51)

7. Sometimes "familiarity" takes the form of doing a good thing, but just expecting it to be "the same." Think about your good spiritual habits. How can you expect God to show up in those routine actions? (1 Samuel 3:1-11, Philippians 3:7-11)

8. What might it look like for us as a group or as individuals to intentionally leave a familiar place and step into something God is asking of us? (Hebrews 13:1-7, 17)



Practical Applications

GROUP APPLICATION: In Discussion Question 5, you came up with what wholehearted love looks like. Choose a way to, as a group, take one of these actions over the next 2 weeks.

1. **Identify a high place** – This week, ask the Holy Spirit to show you one personal area of spiritual comfort or routine He wants you to leave behind, then take one concrete step of obedience (new way of serving, different prayer practice, intentional outreach, etc.).

2. **Keep the fire burning daily** – Choose one simple "fuel" practice for the next seven days (extra time in the Word, intentional prayer for the lost, fasting from something that dulls your hunger for God, or serving in an unfamiliar ministry) and share how it went next week.

3. **Pray persistently for the "Manassehs"** – Identify one person who seems far from God and commit to praying for them daily for the next MONTH. Believe that the same God who restored Manasseh can restore them. (Write a note to remind yourself and put it on your screen saver, your bathroom mirror, or your steering wheel.)

 **Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus, You want us to KNOW YOU, not just know about You. And knowing You should change the trajectory of our lives. Give us humility to surrender all, and courage to follow wherever You lead. Amen.