



MESSAGE GROUPS - GROWN UP FAITH - WEEK 6 - MARCH 17

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Part of growing up means answering the difficult questions of life. Questions like: *"Is life an accident of am I here on purpose?"* and *"Why do bad things happen to good people?"* are asked at some point in everyone's lives. Leaning on God for the big answers to these larger-than-life questions allows us to "grow up" in our faith and begin experiencing life the way that God designed it.

ICEBREAKER:

If you could have one dessert everyday for the rest of your life - what would it be?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **Matthew 16: 25-27**

- **Q:** *Understanding the differences in living a life for God and living for the world isn't always black and white. We can easily get caught up in the small pleasures of the world. What are indicators that you may be focusing too much on worldly things and not enough on God's bigger picture in your life?*

We are called to be a Holy people – to walk with God and run from sin. As followers of Christ, our purpose is to live for others and help them come to know God, but God allows people to choose their eternity.

- **Q:** *Why do you think a loving God allows us free will in choosing eternity with Him or not choosing Him?*
- **Q:** *If God's desire for us is to enjoy eternity with Him, how can we live in a way that helps non-believers see their need to choose God over just living for the World?*

Matthew 9:38 says to: *"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* We are the workers God has sent into the field to lead people to Him. We may not always love the field He has placed us in, but when we choose to live "on map - on mission" there is no limit to how He can use us!

- **Q:** *What is "the field" that God has placed you in? How can you be more intentional about reaching those in your circles of influence?*

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Witnessing to people is showing them that they matter to you, to God, and that God matters to you. As Christ followers, we are called to build relationships with those who are far from God.

- **Q:** *Who are the people that God is calling you to be intentional about building relationships with? How can you caring for them eventually move them closer toward a relationship with God?*

Leaders: *Encourage your group to reach out to someone God has placed on their hearts. Allow yourself to be more open to help talk them through the process of building a relationship with someone far from God.*

