

DAY FIVE

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

This coming Sunday is Commitment Sunday and it is time for our family to make a decision about what we are going to do.

In Romans 12:1 we're told that offering ourselves as these living and holy sacrifices is the least we can do considering all He has done for us.

Psalm 116:12 "What can I offer the Lord for all He has done for me?"

Before we make our commitment, let's ask some questions:

1. What has the Lord already done for us?

(Let each member make a list of 7 blessings: Spiritual, Physical, Material, etc.)

2. What do we have that wasn't given to us by God?

(Even the things we have acquired by working have come to us as a result of the time, strength, health, skills, and intelligence God has gifted us with.)

This very special time in our church does involve reaching a financial goal. But, more importantly than that, our church wants us to learn to trust God more and obey Him. That should also be the goal for our family.

It is important that we understand that what we choose to do will NOT be done as a way to win God's acceptance by how much we give or what sacrifices we choose to make.

When we give our lives to Christ and trust Him to save us, the Bible says that God places us "in Christ," and being "in Christ" makes us acceptable to God (Col 3:3). No matter what we do or don't do, nothing can ever change that fact.

Our commitment is simply about a way for us to say "thank you" to God and to show the world what a great and awesome God we have.

In light of all God has done for us, what can we do to show him our gratitude?

Principals to remember

Don't overthink it:

God wants us to do what we can with what we have. No more is expected. He doesn't ask us to do more than we can, He asks us to do more than we think we can.

Be willing:

Do what God has asked of you! Will we give God our first and best or will we hold back for ourselves?

Step out in faith

Psalm 95:7-8 "...Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..." There will never be a better or easier time to obey. If we are ever going to do it, the time is now. More space, more people, and more ministry are all on the other side of your obedience.

Prayer

Ask God to reveal to you, as the leader of the family, what is in your heart. Confess any sin that is keeping you from being the leader God wants you to be, or that stands in the way of hearing from God as to what he would have you do.

Ask God to convict each member of your family as to what He would have them to personally do during this time in the life of your church. Lead them to ask God to show them anything in their lives that is more important than Jesus. Allow plenty of time for silent prayer, for each family member to pray aloud, and for God to speak.