

Small Group Bible Study

Plastic Christianity Week 4

Main Theme

This week brings the series to a clear and challenging finish. Partial devotion leads to hollow faith, but following Jesus means full surrender, giving up what is temporary to live for what is eternal.

Opening Prayer

God, show us where we've been holding back. Give us the courage to fully surrender to You. Amen.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What is something you've gone "all in" on before, and what made you commit fully to it?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

1. Read Matthew 7:21-23

Jesus again confronts the danger of thinking we're good when we're not. These are people who did spiritual things, but their devotion was partial. They were around Jesus, but not surrendered to Him. Partial devotion can look like real faith, but it doesn't lead to real relationship.

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- Why is it possible to do spiritual things and still miss Jesus?
- What does this reveal about partial devotion?
- Where might you be holding back in your faith?
- Why is partial surrender not enough?
- What would full devotion look like in your life?

2. Read Matthew 16:24-26

Jesus clearly defines what it means to follow Him. Deny yourself. Take up your cross. Follow. This is not casual or convenient. This is costly. We are not called to admire Jesus, but to follow Him.

- What stands out to you in Jesus' words here?
- What does it mean to "deny yourself" in real life?
- Why is following Jesus described as taking up a cross?
- What are some ways we try to follow Jesus without surrendering fully?
- Why is it tempting to treat faith as something convenient?

- What is one area where you need to surrender control?

3. Read Luke 9:23; John 6:66-69

Jesus reinforces that following Him is a daily decision. In John 6, many people walk away when things get difficult. But Peter stays, not because it's easy, but because he knows Jesus is the only source of life. Real faith stays, even when it's hard.

- What do you notice about the contrast in John 6?
- Why do people walk away when faith becomes difficult?
- What does Peter's response reveal about true devotion?
- Where are you tempted to treat faith as optional or situational?
- What would it look like to follow Jesus daily, not occasionally?
- Why is consistency important in real faith?

3. Read Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 16:26-28

Jesus shifts the focus to eternity. What we chase, value, and invest in reveals what we truly worship. Temporary things will fade, but eternity lasts. Following Jesus means reordering what matters most.

- What do these passages say about what we value?
- How does your calendar reflect what matters most to you?
- How do your finances or generosity reflect your priorities?
- Why is it hard to let go of temporary things?
- What does it mean to live with eternity in mind?
- What is one shift you need to make in your priorities?

SERMON RECAP QUESTIONS

- Where are you most tempted toward passive or convenient faith?
- Do you see any areas of your life where you are "partially devoted"?
- What does "being all in" with Jesus actually look like for you right now?
- How does thinking about eternity change your daily decisions?
- If someone looked at your life, would they see full surrender or partial devotion?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- What is one specific area of your life (time, money, relationships, habits) where you will move from partial devotion to full surrender this week, and what action will you take?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, we don't want a half-hearted faith. Help us follow You fully, surrender completely, and live for what truly matters. Amen.