

YOU HAD TO BE

THERE.



## Group Leader Curriculum

## Conversation Starters:

- 1.) Is there ever justification to take a break from God?
- 2.) Many believe they can "Do It" alone, or are better off "Doing It" alone. Does this thought pattern agree with the word of God which instructs us to live in community?
- 3.) How should we address negative thought patterns that are contrary to God's word?

### Review / Reflect:

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or question they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

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## Discussion Questions:

### Question 1:

When it comes to trials, who are the people that typically get it the worst? (People who segregate themselves alone and fail to engage in community. Those who are inconsistent and uncommitted tend to suffer more.)

### Question 2:

What's an important truth to be mindful of when it comes to "truly committing" to and serving God? (Your commitment should remain steadfast despite circumstances. The committed make God and being in community a Priority. - Matthew 18:20 - MSG)

### Question 3:

What type of life moments should we intentionally prioritize to NOT miss? (Defining Moments)

- A "Defining Moment" is where a shift happens or Heaven opens – Luke 24:13-17 They were going in the "wrong direction". Sometimes we focus on the destination, but we serve a God of the detour)

### Why do we end up on paths we shouldn't be on?

- 1.) Resentment - Unfulfilled expectations – all anger is based in unfulfilled expectation Proverbs 13:12

- 2.) Wounds - Untreated pain - we learn the art of tucking our pain away.
  - 3.) Yesterday - Unresolved past - we don't deal with it quickly enough.
- Life is going to continue to happen. The problem is not that things will happen to us; we just put off dealing with it. Many are suffering from the dysfunction of delayed repair. Avoid sleeping on the problem and tucking it away. Ephesians 4:26-27 - Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26-27
  - If you want what God has for you, then you need to be where God wants you. (Don't choose convenience over obedience. Did God come down to Moses or did Moses climb the mountain to encounter God?)

## How to change your course:

- 1.) Show up when life is difficult. Luke 14:16-23 – Don't make excuses for not showing up.
- 2.) Have a postured heart. What's inside of you can prevent you from receiving what's inside the room. John 13:21, 26-27 NLT
- 3.) Stay still when you want to run from trials. "He says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."  
(Psalms 46:10)

(James 1:2-3) Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

## Prayer Requests/ Close Prayer