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Discipleship Phrase: His heart, my hands.

Big Idea for Series: Jesus' heart for the kingdom is on full display.

Abiding (grow as a disciple yourself)

As you go into this week, please consider what your works look like every day. Ponder through how your works show your faith. Is there a gap? If there is a gap between your works and your faith, what does that look like? Think through ways those two things can more closely align, and work towards that goal.

Leading (facilitate your group effectively)

During this week's discussion of faith and works be mindful that people come from various religious backgrounds. Acknowledge that it can be a trigger-filled topic for some. As you lead this week, help individuals understand that faith and works are necessary in a Christian's journey. Help your members to find a healthy tension between the two. What does exercising your faith look like?

Shepherding (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

The content of this week's discussion really hits home regarding faith and works. Which one is more important? The answer here is clearly both. When it comes to shepherding your group in this area, it really just comes down to being intentional. Leading with intentionality. Being genuinely curious about where your group members are at with their faith, and also being intentional about asking them how that is being lived out and what it looks like to continue to be lived out. You have earned the right to speak into their lives and you have more influence than you know, as their leader make sure you are following up with them regularly going forward in these two areas.

<u>Church Announcements</u> (be in the know & share with your group)

Don't forget to register for Refocus! We encourage all Life Group Leaders to attend this annual training on August 29th, 2021 from 12:30-3:30 PM. It will be a time of training so that you are encouraged and refreshed as you continue to lead your groups well! Lunch and childcare are provided! Click <u>here</u> to register!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader.





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Welcome/Introductions (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

Open in Prayer (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (choose one that is best for your group this week)

Weekly Vision Checklist (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

Ask a Hook Question (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction) Do you tend to talk about doing things and never actually do them or do you just jump in and do things as soon as you talk about them?

Recap the Message (ask a *couple* people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*—it carries its own authority) **Matthew** 7:24-29 (NIV), **James** 2:18b-22 (NIV), **James** 1:22-25 (NIV), **Philippians** 1:6 (ESV)

Implications (takeaways from the message)

- 1. If we want fierce, unshakeable faith, we need to listen to the Word *and* live it out.
- 2. It takes more effort to build foundations that last.
- 3. The disasters of life reveal the depth of our faith.
- 4. The house we are building is sacred.

Discussion Questions (going beyond the surface)

- 1. Read James 2:18-22. Which is more important, faith or works?
- 2. Now read James 2:23-26. Does that line up with how you answered question #1?
- 3. Faith and works go hand in hand—you can't have one without the other. Which would say you have more of? What does faith look like? What does works look like?
- 4. How do we become better at balancing the scale between faith and works?

Prayer Requests (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

Closing Prayer (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly)