

Weekend of November 12, 14, 15 | Complete Faith: LEADER GUIDE

You are in week 2 of the “Game On series.” This session is designed to be interactive and also involves a personal time of reflection and feedback. The ultimate goal is that members put their faith into action by writing “I will...” statements, which they can be held accountable for.

Ice Breaker:

Brag Space: Share with the group an achievement you attained with a group or team that is most memorable to you. What was your role?

Weekly Check-In (This is in the slides this week)

Which of these Statements best describes your Daily Encounter lately:

___ Exhilarating ___ Consistent ___ Could be better ___ Inconsistent
___ Feels same-good old ___ Non existent ___ Other: _____

Give space for your group to talk and discuss why they selected what they did and possibly spend time talking through different options to help your group members get more engaged in their Daily Encounter times.

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

The flow of this week lesson is:

- Exploration of faith without works and works without faith scenarios
- Identifying the deficiencies of either of the above scenarios.
- From James 4|17- That if we know something good we should do and don't that qualifies as sin. Explore the reason many find themselves here, personalize to yourself by making your 'Sin List.'

Small Group Interactive: The things God might ask us to do in responding to the needs around us can often fall into these 2 categories (you can add personal examples).

- **Light but extended:** A need that is an easy ask but with a long-range commitment. (Happens more than once.)
- **Bigger, one-time Commitment:** A heavier (more costly or time consuming) isolated commitment. (One time project.)

The No Needs Project will begin late November and continue up until Christmas. This will be a digital "Needs" list where people can submit needs for others they know, and our church community can meet those needs. The sign-up for the list will begin November 15 and needs begin to be met November 29. For more info check out noneedsproject.com

“I will” statement: Take 3 minutes to reflect individually and write down some actions you sense God is asking you to do. Have your group create an “I will...” statement to commit to putting what you wrote down into action. For example: I will check in on my elderly neighbor each week this winter.

Have your group share with each other their “I will” statements.

Next Steps: Encourage your group to take their “I will statement and put them somewhere they can see frequently. Follow up next week by asking how they’ve been putting their faith into action.



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This Week's Big Idea: Do the next good thing.

What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

James 2|14-18 “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.”

1. Imagine a scenario where a salesperson calls to sell to you a “Faith without actions.” What do you think he/she will cite to make their argument?
2. Reverse the situation above: Imagine the scenario where a salesperson calls to pitch a “Good works without a need for faith.” What do you think will be his/her strongest arguments?
3. What do you think is the problem with each of the scenarios above?

James 4|17 “If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.”

4. Give reasons why people (or we) don't do the good they know to do.

- Based on James 4|17, above, come up with a “Sin List,” of good actions God has previously prompted you to do but you did not get around to them. Go around the room and share these things.

Small Group Interactive:

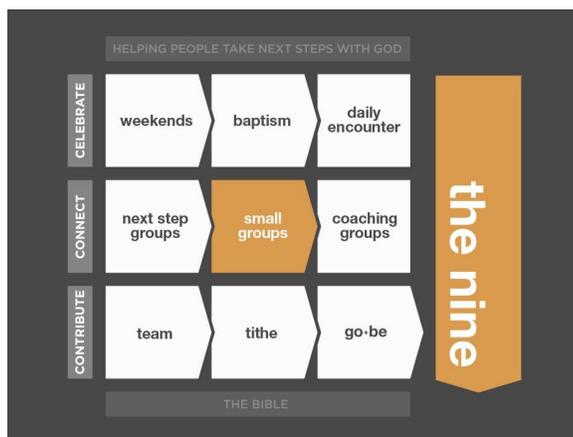
The things God might ask us to do in responding to the needs around us can often fall into these 2 categories:

- Light but Extended:** A need that is an easy ask but with a long-range commitment.
Examples: Signing up for the ‘round-up’ feature of GYVE through the 2|42 App to contribute towards the benevolence fund or committing once a week to be part of delivering food through organizations like ‘Meals on Wheels.’
- Bigger One-Time Commitment:** A heavier (more costly or time consuming) isolated commitment.
Examples: Helping a family host a thanksgiving dinner, fulfilling the needs of a local charitable organization, opening your home to someone in temporary need of shelter, or meeting a need from the *No Needs Project* (coming late November) or *GO+BE* web page.

Take the next 3 minutes to reflect individually and write down some actions you sense God is asking you to do. **Create an “I will...” statement to commit to putting what you wrote down into action.**

Share with the group your “I will” statement.

Next Steps:



Whether you picked a Light but Extended event or a Bigger One-Time Commitment, what is important is to remember your “I will” statement and have others hold you accountable to it.

Ask God this week how you put your “I will” statement into action and come back next week to share what God has been doing through your faith in action.