



How's that Working for You - Week 1 Discussion & Reflection Guide

Questions and Prompts

- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs and the message? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Eddie encouraged us to “unsubscribe from all forms of casual Christianity” and invited us to evaluate how well “casual, measured, limited faith” has been working for us. **Take a quick inventory of the state of your faith. What is working? What habits, thoughts, or activities do you need to “unsubscribe” from?** Here are a few prompts Eddie offered:
 - What does the evidence in your life say about the quality and consistency of your walk with God?
 - What are your priorities telling you and others about the importance of your faith?
 - Does your interest in the Bible, in the work of God around the world, and in your church point to a person who is going deeper with God, or does it point to someone who is skimming the surface of a relationship with God?
 - Do you turn to God only in times of crisis, or can you say what the hymn writer said: “He walks with me, talks with me, and tells me I am his own”?
- Read Luke 14:25. Read it slowly several times.
 - **What challenges you?**
 - **How do you want to radically reorient your life to offer your full allegiance as a disciple of Jesus?**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

All-Church Groups kick off on January 26, and we'd love for YOU to join us! These five-week groups are the perfect way to deepen your faith, build meaningful relationships, and grow in community. Learn more and sign up at wschurch.org/allchurchgroups.

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Unsubscribe from all forms of casual Christianity.**
- **How's that working for you?**
- **Deep longings cannot be satisfied by a shallow faith.**
- **Shallow faith wilts under pressure.**
- Luke 14:25 – A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.”
- **A loyal disciple of Jesus must radically reorient his/her life.**
- **We opt for an inconvenient faith, rather than pretending that the purpose of trusting God is to get all the things we want.**
- Romans 12:1 - Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.
- **Honestly evaluate the hardness of your own relationship with God.**
- **Look for opportunities to embrace inconvenience for the glory of God.**
- **Your comfort zone is not your friend. Your self-serving instinct is not your friend.**
- **Make a point of encouraging someone who is faithful despite inconvenience.**
- Hebrews 10:24 - Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.