

BiG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

9.26/27.09 // TIME CRUNCH – TIME TO COMMIT

BiG iDEA: Everyone needs Christ! So commit your life to Him.

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: What is the 3rd most important thing in your life, right now? (don't share your 1st and 2nd that way you won't get in trouble)

Option 2: What is the goofiest face you can make?

// Questions for Discussion _____

Many of us have “overcommitted” ourselves to things that are “good”. What could you give up or pass on so you could do something that is “best”?

Did you grow up in a home where weekly worship was a priority?

How do you worship? Describe (i.e. hands in the air, sing loudly, standing still). **Where did you “learn” this style?**

Psalm 68:4 (NLT)

Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord—rejoice in his presence!

How different would your worship be if you had no fear or if nobody could see you?

Isaiah 29:13

The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

John 4:23

...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Someone wore a T-shirt to Southpoint the other day that had on it: ‘CHRISTIANITY IS A RELATIONSHIP, NOT A RELIGION’. How would you explain that to someone new at Southpoint?

We can expect God's presence to be at Southpoint every week. How can this expectation affect the way you approach each weekly service?

How do we make weekly worship a commitment without it becoming a legalistic requirement?

How plugged in are you to what is happening in and around the church? Little quiz for you-- name 2 things going on @ church this week. (each person write down their answers and the group leader collect them and read them out loud)

Described a time when you most felt or sensed God's presence. Why do you think you felt it at that time?

Matthew 6:6 (MSG),

“Find a quiet secluded place, so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace.”

What is the best time and place for you to have a Daily Time Alone with God?

Did you grow up in a family where you weren't real affectionate? Do you find it difficult to express affection for God?

What would you do differently at work (or volunteering) if you focused as if you were working for the Lord?

Colossians 3:23 (NLT)

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

// Application _____

Read and commit to memory

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Giving 3% of our time to the 3C environments (Commit-worship / Connect-small group / Contribute-ministry), includes devoting about 1.5 hours per week to public weekly worship; and start with about 10 minutes per day of private devotion daily (praying and reading His Word).

Have you committed yourself to Christ by first identifying with Him in baptism? If not, there's no reason to delay.

// Prayer _____

**Pray that God will reveal to you how to commit to what is "best" and not just "good".
Pray that you will not have no fear to worship God as he would like you to.**