



## TALK IT OVER GUIDE- Drop the Act

Ice Breaker: What's something you once thought was really cool or relevant that now seems completely outdated?

Key Verses:

John 5:39-40

John 5:19

John 14:12

Matthew 11:28

John 10:10

Questions

- What's the difference between being 'relevant' and being 'relative' when it comes to sharing God's truth?

- Mark asks, 'How does the church with the greatest and most needed message of all time become irrelevant to those who need it most?' How would you answer this question?
- In what ways might we substitute religion (rules and systems) for relationship with God in our own lives?
- What 'messes' do you find yourself hesitant to enter into, and why?
- Can you share an example of when the church has held onto something from the past that no longer serves its original purpose?
- What does it look like practically to be 'in sync with the Spirit' in your daily life?
- Mark says, 'The most relevant thing you can do is meet somebody at their point of need.' Share a time when someone met you at your point of need and how it impacted you.
- How might our growth group become more relevant to those in our community who don't yet know Jesus?

### Life Application

This week, practice being relevant by intentionally meeting someone at their point of need. Look for one person in your life (at work, in your neighborhood, at school, or even in your family) who is struggling or hurting in some way. Ask God to help you see what they truly need, then take a step to meet that need - whether it's practical help, a listening ear, words of encouragement, or sharing how God has helped you through similar circumstances. Remember the phrase from the sermon: 'Do for one what you wish you could do for all.' Come prepared next week to share how this experience impacted both you and the person you helped.

### Key Takeaways

- Being relevant means sharing God's truth in a way people can understand and embrace, not compromising the message but improving the communication.
- We become irrelevant when we substitute religion for relationship, focusing on rules rather than connecting with God and others.

- Entering the mess of broken lives, as Jesus did, is essential to remaining relevant and showing God's love.
- We must honor the past while not being stuck in it, humbly seeking God for the best ways to move forward.
- True relevance comes from operating in sync with the Holy Spirit, recognizing where God is working and joining Him there.

### Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us what true relevance looks like through Your life and ministry. You never compromised truth, yet You made it accessible to everyone You encountered. Help us to follow Your example by building genuine relationships rather than religious systems, by willingly entering the messy places where people are hurting, by honoring our past while embracing Your future, and by staying in sync with Your Spirit. Give us courage this week to meet someone at their point of need and to be Your hands and feet in this world. May we be real people living relevant lives, relentlessly pursuing new life in You. In Your name we pray, amen.