

Here's a small group guide based on the sermon transcription:

Small Group Guide: Building Your Faith

Opening Question:

- When was the last time you felt genuinely excited about your relationship with God? Share your experience with the group.

Key Takeaways:

1. Faith is an active, ongoing process of seeking God and building our relationship with Him.
2. Jesus calls us to fully commit and give up everything to follow Him.
3. We are responsible for building ourselves up in faith and helping build up others.
4. God desires our continual growth and development as believers.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned Enoch, who "walked with God" for 300 years. What do you think it means to "walk with God" in our daily lives?
2. How would you rank your priorities in life? Where does God fit on that list? Be honest with yourself and the group.
3. The sermon emphasized Jesus' words about giving up everything to be His disciple (Luke 14:25-33). How do you interpret this teaching, and what challenges does it present in your life?
4. Discuss the concept of "building yourself up in your most holy faith" (Jude 1:20). What practical steps can we take to strengthen our faith?
5. The pastor talked about the importance of praying in the Holy Spirit. What does this mean to you, and how can we incorporate it into our prayer lives?
6. How can we as a group encourage and build each other up in faith, as mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 5:11?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, set aside time each day to "earnestly seek God." Keep a journal of your experiences and insights.
2. Identify one area in your life where you need to surrender more control to God. Make a concrete plan to "give it up" and trust Him more fully.
3. Choose a spiritual discipline (e.g., Bible study, prayer, fasting, service) to focus on developing over the next month. Share your goal with an accountability partner from the group.
4. Practice "praying in the Spirit" by setting aside time for unstructured prayer, allowing God to guide your thoughts and words.
5. Reach out to someone in the church community who may be struggling in their faith. Offer encouragement and support.

Closing Prayer:

Close the session by praying together, asking God to help each member grow in faith, commitment, and spiritual maturity. Pray for the strength to fully surrender to God's will and to actively build up both personal faith and the faith of others in the community.