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Session 1: The Journey of Answering the Call

Key Scripture:

Philippians 3;10

Opening Remarks:

The essence of the whole Christian experience, purpose, and lifestyle can be summed up with these words: to know Him. Our success as a Christian entirely hangs on our desire for intimacy with God. If all else fails and we hang onto our earnest pursuit of Him, it will sustain us. Conversely, if all else is right, but our first love has faltered, our walk is endangered. Join us for this session as we dive into callings, purpose, and the mundane things that make eternal impacts.

Watch Session 1 Video

Questions:

- 1. How do we get to know someone?
- 2. How do small actions feed into our calling?
- 3. What daily things do we do to know Him?

Concluding Remarks:

Scripture says not to despise the day of small things. It is in these days that the seeds of grand things are planted. Every season has a purpose, every scale has a goal, and every journey of answering the call has its beginning. Above every tradition, opinion, and other goal, our innermost desire must be set to know Him

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Session 2: Being Found in Seasons of Feeling Lost

Key Scripture:

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Opening:

Every journey has low points. The Christian walk should expect more than their fair share. How do we continue our pursuit to know him when we don't know ourselves or how to tame the chaos around us? Join us in this session as we discover what it means to know Him during seasons of loss, change, and confusion.

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Questions:

- How How does isolation affect our walk with God?
- 2. What anchors us in seasons of loss or change?
- 3. How can we allow seasons of loss or change to positively impact our journey to know Him?

Concluding Remarks:

While these turbulent seasons often drive us to isolate ourselves, their true purpose is to increase our dependence on the rock that is higher than us. To know Him means learning to trust and rely on His strength as our anchor in such times. While we do not understand the methods in most situations, God uses even the dark or confusing points in our lives to reveal Himself to us in new and more intimate ways.

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Session 3: The Balance to Battle

Key Scripture:

Matthew 6:33

Opening:

In a world and culture that pulls us towards imbalance, the church can find it difficult to discern the difference between practical balance and "a healthy balance." Not all things are of equal value. Our time and energy cannot be spent fairly, for in trying to do everything, we lose focus on what matters most. Join us in this session as we discuss the purpose of balance in our walk with God.

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Questions:

- How must our perceptions of balance change?
- 2. How can balance negatively and positively affect our view of ministry?
- 3. How can we implement temperance in our battle for balance?

Concluding Remarks:

The battle to balance our lives pressures us to do everything with excellence, but so rarely does this instinct end with satisfaction. As the practical and spiritual sides of our lives become increasingly entangled on this journey, we must become stewards of a healthy balance, learning to correctly prioritize the things that are most valuable to us. There is no substitute for a daily walk with God, and no extra activity is worth disillusioning ourselves or our families from the calling He has placed on our lives.

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Session 4: Working in Our Mission Field

Key Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10-18

Opening:

Identity, consistency, authenticity. These attributes follow those who know Him. Those who pursue their calling are set apart in ways others cannot seem to put their finger on. As we grow to know Him, we begin to understand His heart; His priorities become our priorities, and His mission becomes our mission. Join us in this final session as we discuss how our path to know Him leads us to our mission field.

Watch Session 4 Video

Questions:

- 1. What is your mission field?
- 2. What opportunities are in your mission field to be a witness?
- 3. How can we prepare when going into a mission field to which God has called us?

Concluding Remarks:

While those around us struggle to comprehend how "strong" or "calm" or "consistent" we can be in times of trouble, we ironically sometimes find ourselves feeling the same way. But our strength, peace, and consistency comes from an outside, infinite source. These small encounters recontextualize our struggles, allowing us to see the goal of our mission: reaching others. To know Him is to love Him, and to love Him is to love others. We are called to seek Him diligently, to prepare, to humble ourselves, and to love as He loved us. One of the greatest blessings in this life is to look back on your long and difficult journey to know Him and see someone else stumble upon the trail you blazed.

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