



Week One | Letting Go | 01.09-10.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: How should the world view the church? Unfortunately, we've created a brand for the church that Jesus never intended. But we have the opportunity to give everyone a Brand: New perspective.

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Do you make New Year Resolutions?
- Digging Deeper: Take some time to share about why you do or do not make resolutions!

» Observation | Read Hebrews 8:1-13; Luke 22:19-20 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Jesus brought an overhaul, not an upgrade. (12 minutes)

- What comes to your mind when you think of the word church? How does that differ from what God has in mind?

» Temporary Faith | Reference Hebrews 8:1-3 (12 minutes)

- What are the problems with the 'temple model' of faith today? How do you avoid this in your own relationship with Jesus?

» Photocopied Faith | Reference Hebrews 8:4-7 (12 minutes)

- Who introduced you to faith? What is the difference between following a person who follows Jesus and following Jesus for yourself?
- Why is the significance of verse 7?

» Obsolete Faith | Reference Hebrews 8:13; Luke 22:19-20 (12 minutes)

- What is something that had great value at one moment, but as soon as you got something new, it became obsolete immediately?
- What from your past needs to get untethered from your faith to better know and understand Jesus?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What are the layers that need to be removed from your traditions or practices of following God to really experience what Jesus had in mind?
- Close by praying for each other as you take time this week to reflect on the layers that need to be removed to experience hope in Jesus.