



## Week Three | It's Just a Phase | 01.22-23.2022

**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.

**Series Recap:** What if you declined a life of fine? In a world so concerned about facade and success, we hide behind lies that society has deemed acceptable but actually cover feelings of inadequacy and fear. It's time to say what we mean and begin to recognize that the life that Jesus offers is truly so much better.

### »» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - 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: What's your favorite fast-food fix when you're in a hurry?
- Digging Deeper: Who did your parents want you to be when you grew up? How did they communicate those hopes to you?

### »» Observation | Read Mark 10:35-45; Matthew 12:46-50; 23:1-12

(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 | Quick fixes lead to long-term problems.

(12 minutes)

- Quick fixes are always the easiest path in our lives, but where are you most tempted to take the easy way out and why?

### »» Developing Identity | Reread Mark 10:35-45

(12 minutes)

- What are some of the "identities" that you attempt to find your value in?
- Jesus corrects His disciples for their interest in the 'perks' of leadership. What perks are tempting to pursue and in what areas?

### »» Investing in Belonging | Reread Matthew 12:46-50

(12 minutes)

- Who are your core group of friends that are helping set the pace for you and your family in following Jesus?
- Where has this kind of service and belonging that Jesus talks about slipped the last couple of years?

### »» Discovering Purpose | Reread Matthew 23:1-12

(12 minutes)

- In what ways is "quick-fix" living affecting the legacy that we want to leave behind? How can we remember our true purpose in Christ and reset how we spend our moments with those who matter most?
- How can you leverage this year to listen to your Heavenly Father and follow His purpose for your life in a new way?

### »» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What is an area that is really difficult for you to trust Jesus with right now?
- Close by praying for each other to let God into those tough places and help you to trust Him with the people and the details.