



FRONT YARD PEOPLE

Week Two | Be Prepared | 08.31-09.01.2019

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: It is easy for us to slip into a pattern of elevating those people and things that are favorites to us. But in order to be Front Yard People, we must forfeit our favorites in order to make space for others.

» 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: Would you call yourself a “front yard” or a “backyard” person? What is the difference?
- Digging Deeper: What does it mean to be prepared to be front yard people?

» Observation | Read Luke 18:18-30

(12 minutes)

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

» Key Principle | **Don't choose your favorites, choose to forfeit.**

(12 minutes)

- What in your life is your favorite idol? What are you drawn to that distracts you from God and the people around you?

» What You Do | Reread Luke 18:18-21

(12 minutes)

- Notice what the rich young ruler asks Jesus in verse 18. Can you relate to his question? What might this look like today?
- Personal performance has a limit. What happens when you hit your ceiling? How can you choose to forfeit and choose to be humbled?

» What You Have | Reread Luke 18:22-25

(12 minutes)

- What does Jesus tell the rich young ruler to do in verse 22? How does the young man respond? Then what does Jesus say?
- What happens when stuff isn't enough? How can gratitude combat jealousy and judgement? In what ways can you practice gratitude?

» Who You Have | Reread Luke 18:26-30

(12 minutes)

- Being a front yard person means having margin to put others first. How could a habit of releasing your favorite idol make space for others? What relationships feel unchangeable to you? What might happen if you release your grip and make space for others?

» Closing and Prayer |

(15minutes)

- What one rhythm of “forfeiting” time, comfort, resources, or energy will you try to practice this week? Talk about what this looks like.
- During this series, what are some ways you can be more available to your neighbors? What is something practical you can do to serve those close to you? Share some ideas with your group and then **check in with one another** throughout the remainder of the series.
- Close by praying for one another to be honest about the gates in their lives and the people who need them to open up their hearts.