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[krisCHən - iSH] *Adjective*

When we trade growing
in faith for playing it safe.



Week Four | Thank You, Next | 02.22-23.2020

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: As humans, we were created in God's image, which means we were created for community with others. But community can be difficult and messy, and sometimes God wants to work more on us than them. Are you willing to let Him?

» 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: What does it mean when we say, "Thank You, Next?"
- Digging Deeper: Describe a time when someone encouraged you to offer a "Thank You, Next." What was the outcome?

» Observation | Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26

(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 | Will you let God change you, even if they never do?

(12 minutes)

- We live with a "disposable" mentality about many things, but what happens when we treat relationships as disposable?
- Oftentimes we want someone else to change, but God wants to change us. How do you respond when someone else won't change?

» It's Time to Grow Up | Reference 2 Timothy 2:22

(12 minutes)

- Paul is talking to a young pastor in Timothy and there things he knows he'll be tempted by. What passions do you need to let go of in this season of your life?
- Are you willing to be the kind of person you need in your life? What is the area or relationship God is challenging you to grow up in?

» It's Time to Shut Down | Reference 2 Timothy 2:23

(12 minutes)

- Drama is easy to engage with but how do you intentionally avoid it in your life without being judgmental or unkind?
- What are the dangers waiting for us when we refuse to avoid "foolish, ignorant controversies?" How can we support each other?

» It's Time to Lean In | Reference 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Titus 3:9-11

(12 minutes)

- Who do you need to stick with relationally in hopes of helping them out of whatever they've become stuck in or fooled by?
- What do healthy boundaries look like? Why do they matter? Who needs you to set up some boundaries, and give them another chance?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15minutes)

- Who are your Key 3 relationships? How are you building real relationships, not creating projects?
- Close by praying for each other, for your Key 3 relationships, and for your group to lean in, even when it's tough.