

Community Groups are the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering. It is through the interaction that takes place in each of these groups that will enable people to begin moving from being drawn to God to a life that is being deepened by God. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering, owning, and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be aspects you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth. Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on an aspect of their relationship with God. Use this as a flexible teaching tool not a rigid group task list.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

This week we turned a corner in the 10 Series and are starting to look at the benefits of practicing the truths we've learned over the first 4 weeks. Of course, week 5 focused on practicing those truths with consistENcy, and Pastor Paul taught us that:

1. **Consistency is revealed in a moment.** From singing sensations to viral videos, from sporting superstars to scientific discoveries, all of us have heard amazing "overnight" success stories and dreamed of something like that happening to us. But what we often fail to realize is just how much work went into that moment, and how long those people consistently did the same thing in order to be ready for it.
2. **Consistency is practiced over time.** We want the prize of greatness without paying the price of greatness, and most "overnight" success stories are more accurately described as "over decades" success stories. The one thing that many of the people have in common who stand in the spotlight is that they didn't quit when there wasn't any light. Big moments happen when we don't quit in the boring moments! In Philippians 4:9, Paul encouraged the church to "put into practice" what they had seen in him and learned from him. No glamor, no glory, just grit. Just the faithful consistency of a follower of Jesus. Reading, praying, serving, giving consistently. In fact, it's our consistency in spiritual disciplines that reveals we are Christians, not just people doing Christian things. It also sets us up for big moments when Jesus can shine through us the brightest!

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What was one helpful, eye-opening, or troubling insight or principle from this week's message?
- On a scale of 1-10 (1 is bad, 10 is good), give yourself a rating in the area of consistency. Discuss your answer.
- What is the hardest part of consistency? The most rewarding?
- Answer and discuss the questions from the end of the message:
 - Am I willing to be consistent for a lifetime in order to be recognized for a moment?
 - Is my love for Jesus all the motivation I need to walk with him consistently?
 - Am I so thankful for Jesus saving me that I can live in peace with nothing more from him?
- What can we do when consistency feels like a burden? Read 1 John 5:3 and discuss any insights you draw from it.
- We know that we complete what we repeat. The trick is to not give up during the time we start and the time God finishes. According to Hebrews 11:1, what helps us with that? How?
- According to Galatians 6:9, what can we expect if we don't give up?
- How did you respond to the testimony about Mr. Genor on George Street?

More tools and daily encouragement throughout the 10 series are at www.thegatheringnow.com/ten.