

Small Group Discussion Guide

Dangerous Faith - New Assignments

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Many Christ-followers become fascinated with questions God has chosen not to answer, particularly concerning future events. Jesus redirected His disciples away from speculation and toward obedience.

I. Times and Seasons

Following Jesus is not about predicting the future but faithfully living out God's assignment today. Rather than focusing on what God has not revealed, Jesus called His disciples to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and faithfully carry the gospel.

Read Matthew 15:22–26, Matthew 10:5–6, Acts 1:7–8, Acts 8:14 and 8:25, and Matthew 28:17–20 aloud.

As God leads us into new seasons and opportunities, our responsibility is to remain obedient and available. Faithfulness is measured, not by knowing tomorrow, but by obeying God today.

- **Why do you think Christians are sometimes more interested in predicting future events than faithfully living out God's present assignment?**
- **How do Acts 1:7–8 and Matthew 28:18–20 help you understand God's priorities for His Church today?**

II. Dangerous Faith

Dangerous faith is a living faith that actively follows Christ, a visible faith that others can observe, and a vulnerable faith willing to obey despite personal cost.

Read Judges 6:11–16 and 6:25–30 aloud.

The world applauds a harmless faith—one that stays private, avoids conflict, and never challenges cultural values. Dangerous faith is dangerous, not to people, but to the kingdom of darkness. It confronts selfish ambition, tears down idols, and boldly declares the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Gideon provides an excellent example. Although he felt weak, fearful, and unqualified, God called him a "mighty warrior." Before Gideon could lead Israel into victory, he first had to destroy his father's altar to Baal. His first battle was not against Midian—it was against compromise within his own community.

- What "altars" or idols might God be asking today's believers to tear down in their own lives or culture?
- Gideon obeyed God, even though he was afraid. What does his example teach you about courage and obedience, even when it could cost you comfort, popularity, or security?

III. The Forces of Gratitude and Entitlement

Our spiritual lives are shaped by what fills our hearts. Psalm 100 calls us to enter God's presence with thanksgiving and praise, reminding us that gratitude recognizes His goodness, faithfulness, and sovereignty.

Read Psalm 100:1–5 aloud.

A thankful heart shifts our focus from what we lack to what God has already provided, and it builds our confidence that He will continue to deliver. In contrast, a spirit of entitlement grows out of pride and discontentment, pulling us away from trusting God and ultimately leading to spiritual defeat.

- How does gratitude strengthen your faith, and why is entitlement such a dangerous attitude for followers of Christ?
- What is one specific step of obedience God may be asking you to take during this current season of your life, and what would it look like to respond with dangerous faith?

Responsive Prayer: Divide the group in half and read aloud.

Psalm 136:1–7 (NIV)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

⁴to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

⁵who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

⁶who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

⁷who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.