

Small Group Discussion Guide

Expressions of Dangerous Faith

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The challenge for every believer is to live an active, courageous, and God-dependent faith through our daily choices—a faith whose expressions reflect Christ and impact the world around us.

I. Personal Application

A. Seek God

Read Proverbs 2:1–5, Hebrews 11:6, Joshua 1:8, and Psalm 1:1–3 aloud.

A dangerous faith begins with a genuine desire to know God. Jesus calls us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and Proverbs 2 urges us to seek God by valuing His Word and pursuing His wisdom. Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that God rewards those who diligently seek Him. As we spend time in Scripture, prayer, and obedience, our faith grows stronger.

- **What is one practical habit that helps you to seek God daily? What is one habit you'd like to be more intentional about?**

B. The Holy Spirit

Read John 20:19–22 and Acts 1:3–5, 7–8 aloud.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Before ascending to Heaven, He instructed them not to leave Jerusalem until they received the promised power of the Holy Spirit. Although they had spent three years with Jesus and witnessed His resurrection, they still needed the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's mission. In the same way, we cannot live out God's calling through knowledge or human effort alone. Every day, we need the Holy Spirit's guidance, wisdom, courage, and power to faithfully accomplish His purposes.

- **Why do you think Jesus emphasized the disciples' need for the Holy Spirit before sending them into ministry? How do you depend on the Holy Spirit in your life?**

C. The Risk/Vulnerability of Faith

Read Hebrews 11:24–28 aloud.

Following Christ often requires stepping into situations where we cannot control the outcome. Abraham waited for God's promise, David fled from Saul, Paul endured imprisonment, and many believers suffered for their faith, demonstrating that trusting God may feel risky, but He is always faithful. Rather than avoiding difficult circumstances, we are called to obey God even when it requires sacrifice, trusting that His plans and promises are always worth following.

- **Describe a time when obeying God required courage or trust. What did you learn from that experience?**

D. Set Apart

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, Hebrews 13:12, and Romans 12:1 aloud.

To be sanctified means to be set apart for God's purposes. Our identity is no longer defined by our past but by Christ's work in us. Every part of our lives—our families, careers, relationships, and gifts—can become opportunities to honor God and serve His Kingdom.

- **What does it mean for you personally to live "set apart" for God's purposes in your home, workplace, or community?**

E. Overcome

Read Luke 10:19, Revelation 2:7, and Revelation 21:7–8 aloud.

Jesus said, *"I have given you authority...to overcome all the power of the enemy,"* and throughout Revelation, God's promises are given to those who overcome. Being an overcomer does not mean life is free from hardship; it means choosing faith over fear, truth over compromise, forgiveness over bitterness, and perseverance over discouragement. Through His Spirit and the encouragement of fellow believers, God gives us the strength to remain faithful.

- **What area of your life requires you to become an overcomer right now, and how can this group pray for and encourage you this week?**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I offer myself as a living sacrifice to You. Holy Spirit, lead me into the purposes of God in this season. Grant me the strength to overcome all obstacles. I choose to fulfill Your plans for my life; grant me a supernatural joy in the purposes of God. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for all You have done for me. In Your name I pray, amen.