

Fresh Start

Dying to Live



Ice Breaker

- What was the high/low point of the past week?
- **Recap:** How did you take time to experience the refreshing power of God?

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- *"Following Jesus costs everything and you get infinitely more in return."* Ps Blake shared that few people experience the infinitely more because few people are willing to die to self and give everything. This can be a difficult concept to understand, so how would you describe the meaning of the phrase 'give everything'? What does it look like to live this out personally and practically?
- Read Romans 12:1 aloud. This verse encourages us to remember God's mercy and live our lives as a holy sacrifice to the Lord. Is there an area of your life you are currently laying down as a sacrifice? Have you recently felt God calling you to sacrifice a new or previously "un-dealt with" area of your life?

Optional Questions – *If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.*

- Read Luke 14:27 aloud. This verse calls us to die to self and follow Christ. Christianity is more than a label - it's a lifestyle. What would be the dangers of simply viewing faith as label that requires not changes on the inside?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:11-12. This verse reminds us to keep the end in mind. God is always victorious, but sometimes there is a resurrection before the reigning. Has there been a moment in your life where you had to endure hardship but in the end God resurrected a dead dream or desire? What did you learn from that experience?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. These verses reveal that part of being a new creation is encouraging people to turn back to God. We aren't just a 'Fresh Start' people we are leaders. Who has God placed in your life right now to reach out too and how can our group pray for them to turn back to God?

Next Steps

- Announcement: *Announce the time & location of your next City Group.*
- Announcement: *Announce the time & location of Sunday's Worship Experience.*