

Large Group Discussion Questions

HS – 1.15.20

MS – 1.22.20

ALL IN

Summary

Tonight, Brittany talked about what it means to be “ALL IN” for Jesus, and how surrendering our whole lives to Him is worth it. But it comes at a cost. Tonight, we want students to evaluate whether they are willing to go “ALL IN,” and if not, what’s holding them back.

Brittany walks us through 3 common excuses that hold us back from going “ALL IN,” along with how to combat/fight against those excuses...

Excuse	1. No time	2. Fear of Rejection	3. Feeling Disqualified
Way to Combat	Fix our eyes on what matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Colossians 3:2</i>	Expect rejection & Embrace community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>1 John 3:13</i>• <i>John 14:18</i>• <i>John 15:30</i>	Embrace your weaknesses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Romans 8:1-2 (guilt/shame)</i>• <i>2 Corinthians 12:9 (insecurities)</i>

Mark 1:16-18 looks at Jesus calling his first disciples. It is clear that they did not have an impressive resume, but were “average” men. When Jesus called them to follow him, they dropped everything they had IMMEDIATELY to follow. They give us a great example of what going “ALL IN” looks like. They didn’t make excuses why it wasn’t a good time or why they weren’t fit for the job. They left their old life behind and never looked back. If we are followers of Christ, we need to embrace our calling, follow Him, and not look back. Are you “ALL IN?”

Questions for Discussion

1. Have students in your group who were at Recharge share their biggest take-away for the rest of the group.
2. Brittany used a visual illustration to demonstrate being “all in.” Describe what the water and the tea-bag represent.
3. Out of the excuses talked about, which one do you use the most when it comes to not being “all in”? (see chart above)
 - What holds you back the most when it comes to following Jesus with your whole life?
 - What are you afraid of?
 - Ask your students to give personal examples in each category.
4. Walk through each “way to combat.” Specifically, how do these help fight off those excuses? Give specific examples from your own life.
5. Read Philippians 3:7-8 with your group. Here, Paul is writing from prison. Though he is in chains, he is clearly “all in” for Jesus.
 - What do you think he means when he says he “counts everything as loss?”
 - Is he saying that everything apart from Christ is bad? (popularity, comfort, family, friends, sports, honor roll, etc.)
 - Help students see that Paul is comparing everything to Christ. And when put side-by-side, nothing else compares.
 - What would it look like for you to count everything else as loss compared to Christ?