



Yes You Can, Promise

03.01.15

John 13:12-20, 31-38

Morning:

I CAN'T. _____

Night:

TEACH ME THE _____

OF CHRIST _____.

study questions

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.



INTRODUCTION

What do you do when there's nothing you can do (relationally, financially, professionally, physically, or academically)? It just is what it is. There's nothing you can do to change your situation. Challenging circumstances can make you jealous or resentful. They can make you angry with God. They can breed discontentment and the temptation to take matters into your own hands – even to strike out into places and do things you know are not right.

The problem with unfaithfulness is that it can drive you in self-destructive directions that will eventually leave you with regret. Where does a person get the spiritual, emotional, and even physical energy to be faithful until you find the peace that comes from following Jesus?...*Even* when times are tough?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a season in your life when you were fully at peace with God and with your life. What was it about that season that fed your peace? How did that affect your faithfulness in following Jesus?
2. Do you know someone who lives with pervasive discontentment? If so, how does that discontentment affect the quality of his or her life?
3. **Read John 13:12-20 & 31-38 together.**
 - a. Does the kind of faithfulness Jesus describes seem achievable in your own life? Why or why not?
 - b. What stands out to you most as being an *In the meantime* miracle here? i.e. What is Jesus calling us to that would seem to take a miracle?
 - c. What does Jesus promise in this story that you would treasure most for your life?
4. What are some things that make it difficult for you to believe God may do extraordinary and unexpected things through your challenging circumstances?
5. How would your current season look different if you were able to resist the forces, pressures, and temptations of your circumstances and just follow Jesus?
6. Living out Jesus' "new command" is one of the best ways to stick with Jesus when things get tough, until you have the peace to see the value of *faithful discipleship*. What is one thing you can do this week to love others near you, the way Jesus says, "as I have loved you?"
7. How can you live faithfully with the knowledge that you can't change your circumstances, but Jesus can? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

We all face circumstances that stir deep discontentment within us. Relationships break, careers crumble, and dreams die. These things happen to everyone. But when it's happening to you, you feel like you're the only one who faces loss. The secret of peaceful and faithful Jesus-following is Christ in you, empowering you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13