

Believe

Small Group Guide

Session 15

Video: Play Believe video for Session 15. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

Key Verse: Read the key verse together. *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)*

Key Idea: I dedicate my life to God's purposes.

Group Discussion

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

- I am living out God's purposes for my life.
- I give up what I want to meet the needs of others.
- I give away things I possess when I am led by God to do so.
- I serve God through my daily work.

Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.

- 1) Discuss what it takes (mentally, spiritually, emotionally) to be a person who is completely surrendered to God's purposes.
- 2) Not everyone is called to vocational ministry. So, what does total surrender look like for school teachers, business owners, construction workers, etc.?
- 3) Total surrender is easier said than done. In what ways can you relate to that statement?

Read Daniel 3:1-28

- 1) Although the world we live in is drastically different, in what ways can you relate to the 3 young men in the scripture?
- 2) What qualities or virtues, if any, do you see in them that you would like to possess?
- 3) In this story and many others found in the Bible, people make bold decisions in order to fulfill God's purposes. Where does boldness come from? Is it something that people just naturally have or is it something that can be formed over time?

Closing Prayer

Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's key idea into practice.