

Cultivate Discussion Guide

MOTIVATED ... How to Avoid the Wrong Kind of Motivation January 11 and 12, 2020

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Hey, Leaders! A few reminders as you pray and prepare for group...

- Choose the questions that are most meaningful to you and will lead your group into REAL conversation.
- It's okay if you don't answer every question or if you want to incorporate questions from the weekly sermon notes.
- Encourage your group to cultivate God's word on their own by reflecting on the questions you don't cover in group.

Reflect and be REAL: As women, we wear many hats. The busyness of our daily lives, while good and productive, can often distract us from the REAL truth. If we're not careful, we can run ahead of God motivated by our own plans or fall behind growing lazy to the sin in our lives. We can even wander away, forgetting to cultivate a consistent relationship with God and His word.

Sometimes we need a reminder to get back in step with God, not because we have an urgent prayer or because it's the "right thing" to do, but because we need to be in His presence to hear His voice.

#1: Reflect on your relationship with God. Are there any areas where you're running ahead, falling behind or even wandering away motivated by things other than God?

- What would it take to get back in His presence?

Never settle for anything less than what God wants. The natural movement of humanity is away from God and His plan.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

"Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless, like chasing the wind." Ecclesiastes 4:4 NLT

#2: Share how you line up your plans with God's plans. Do you pray, look to His word, ask advice from friends, wing it and hope for the best, etc.?

- In contrast, what does it look/feel like when you're headed the wrong direction?

#3: Envy begins when we look at what others have instead of what God has for us.

- How could envy distract you from pursuing what God has for you?
- What are some ways you could fight against envy?

Don't try to be famous. Try to be faithful. Listen to God and ignore people who ignore Him.

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked...He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:3 ESV

#4: In your words, complete this sentence: Someone who is faithful is someone who ...

#5: God doesn't love us for WHAT we have or do, but for WHO we are. Share an aspect of your character you believe God loves. This could be who you've always been or something God has done to grow & transform you.

Cultivate Prayer: In the end, God always wins! It's true, but it can be hard to believe in the middle. Break into pairs and share an area where you need victory – over sin, unbelief, discouragement or in a circumstance or situation. Pray together, asking God to give you courage to be REAL, trust in His timing and faith that He is working even when you can't see.