

“Forget the Title”

Getting Started

Share a time you were really scared.

Think about financial decisions, getting married or having kids or perhaps something life threatening.

Why did this situation scare you?

Did your life change, even temporarily, because of this situation?

Would you consider the idea of giving your completely to following Jesus scary? Why?

Going Deeper

Re-read the passage from Sunday found in [Matthew 22:15-22](#).

What was one thought that made you stop and reflect from the message last week?

Interact with the statement:

“God wants you more than he wants you to do things for him.”

Read [Matthew 7:16-18](#) and [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

What is the difference between working to produce good fruit and working to become the kind of person that produces good fruit?

Why might it be easier (less scary) to do things for God rather than fully give yourself to God?

Read [Colossians 2:6-10](#). Discuss these verses.

- What does it mean to live your lives “in” Christ?
- What does it mean to be “complete” in Christ?
- Is it possible to be complete in Christ but not acting like a Christian?

Exercise:

Spend several minutes going through this together. As a reminder:

- Hear from God through the Bible
- Be with God through prayer
- Walk with God in community

1. Have each person chose a favorite verse
ie. “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved...”
2. Take a few minutes in silence, repeating the words you chose to yourself.
(Pray them, listen to God through them, be with God in them.)
3. Go around the room and share.
 - a) Say your verse
 - b) What happened in your time? Did you feel anything? Were you moved to act?