

CLUTTER

For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD - What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

Introduction

"Clutter" describes a place or location that is out of order, messy, or jumbled. This word could describe many of our closets, garages, or kitchen drawers. If we are not careful, this word begins to describe our days, our schedules, and eventually our lives. When our lives get cluttered, we often lose sight of what's most important, which keeps us from making our greatest contribution.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the most cluttered place in your home? How did it get this way?

A cluttered life creates lots of problems that can keep us from making our greatest contribution. Read John 17:4. What contribution does God want you to make?

2. The number one cause of clutter in our lives is the belief that we can (and should) "do it all." Using the space below, write down all the things you have committed to do in the next seven days.

Circle the two things you would eliminate from the list, if you could. When it comes to these two things, where does the pressure come from to continue these activities?



Small Group Questions Continued

3. Share a time when you reached your limit. What limits exist for you and why is it important to recognize and honor them? Read Mark 1:35-38. How do the words of Jesus in this passage speak to the limits that are in each of our lives?

Saying "yes" to something requires that we say "no" to something else. Share 2-3 things you must say "yes" to in order to be able to make your greatest contribution. How can accepting your limitations allow the most important things to rise to the top?

4. If you want to make your greatest contribution, you must de-clutter your life. What specific action will you take this week to embrace both your limitations and the reality of trade-offs so you can make the contribution God intends?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I'm praying for:
