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LOVING GOD WITH **ALL** YOUR HEART

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There are few things more powerful than witnessing someone throw all of themselves after a cause or a commitment. When we as people get behind something with all our energy and focus, it's remarkable what we can do. The opposite is true as well. So often we see the broken results of someone giving only a portion of their focus and energy to something - a cause, a task, a relationship. Half-hearted commitment is really no commitment at all.

This is especially true when it comes to our faith. The Bible is clear: God expects and deserves our undivided affection and commitment. Anything less falls short of who we are called to be as Christ-followers. Undivided will call you to a faith that is purely focused on following after God. You have to decide if you're ready to accept the call.

## *HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR THE JOURNEY?*

Ask yourself: Is my heart prepared to be challenged? Am I willing to be changed? If you can't answer "yes" to these questions, this journey might not be nearly as spectacular as it could be. If you need to, take a moment and silently talk to God in prayer. Ask God to radically move in your life.

## *YOU'RE HOLDING YOUR MAP*

This book you're holding is the road map for your journey. It will help guide your experiences. Write your name and the date in the front. Hold on to it. You may want to look back and remember this time in your life.

## *LEARN. AND TEACH.*

Keep your eyes and ears open for those valuable moments where God wants to teach you something. But don't miss the chance to teach your friends, and to be taught by them. Your friends are with you in this experience. Be open to what God is doing in and through them, and how He might be using them to speak to you. And vice versa.





# 1 JOHN 2:15

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“DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR THE THINGS IN THE WORLD. IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.”

# LARGE GROUP NOTES

SESSION 1

These two pages are designed for you to take notes on during Large Group Sessions. The stuff you're learning will really build on itself over the next few sessions. So even if you're not much of a note taker, you might want to at least jot down what you think is important.

## *TRY WRITING DOWN:*

- Any specific teaching points
- Verse references for Scripture passages
- Quotes that make you think
- Anything you have a question about







# SMALL GROUP INTRO

SESSION 1

Have you ever had to choose between two things and your first plan was to try not to choose at all?

How'd that work out?

Maybe you tried to work a job AND play a sport. Maybe you tried to like Person A AND Person B. Maybe you tried to commit to one set of plans with friends WHILE ALSO trying to keep plans with another set of friends on the side. Whatever the case, you may have discovered what most people come to realize: often when you divide your attention between two things, both things lose.

Now that's not ALWAYS the case when it comes to our lives. In rare cases, you can make it work, for better or worse. But here's a pro-tip for you: When it comes to your relationship with God, there is never a case where it's OK to divide your affection.

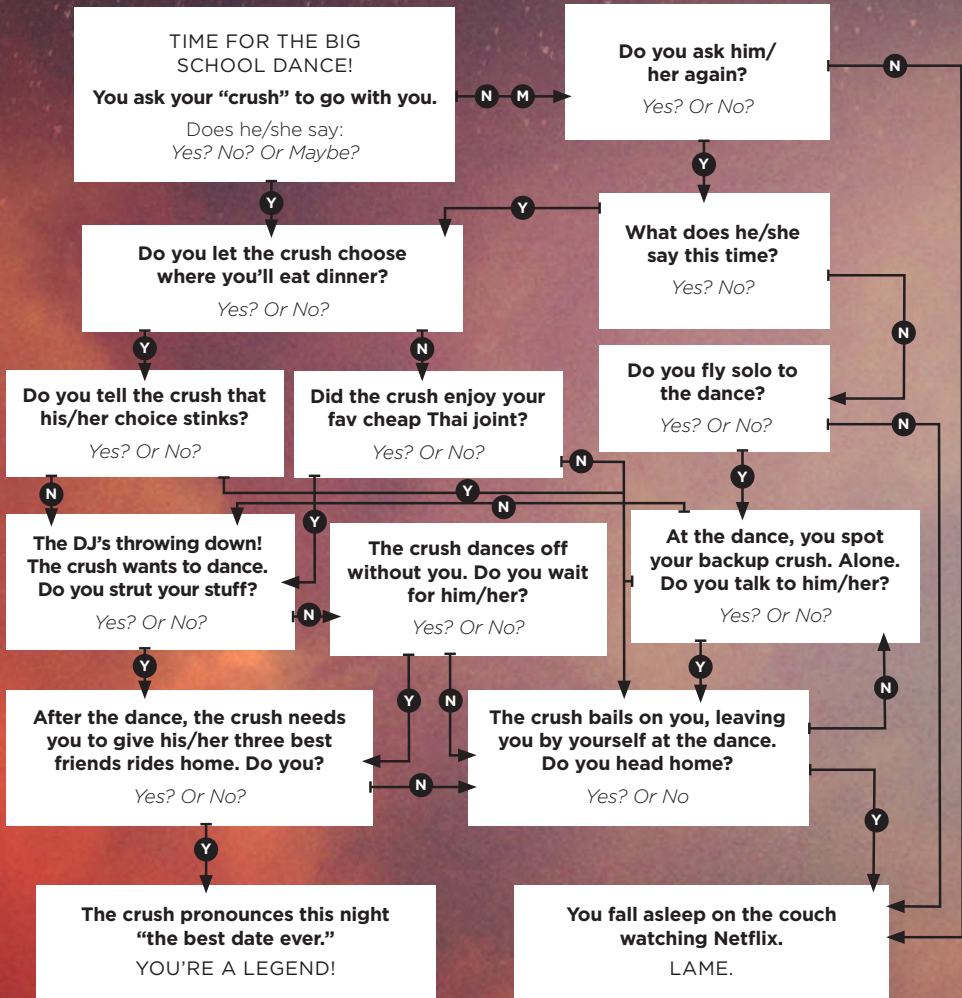
God commands ALL of our devotion. He expects it. And He is uniquely deserving of it.

In this first small group session, you're going to see the Bible's call to pursue God

# GETTING STARTED

SESSION 1

**It's choice-making time! Time to make some tough choices about your school's big dance!** Follow your leader's instructions to see if you have the night of your life . . . or not!



# DIGGING IN

Work with your group to read the passages and answer the questions below.

## **ONE OF THE TRUTHS OF OUR FAITH IS THAT YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LOVING GOD AND LOVING THE WORLD.**

Let's make sure we're on the same page: What do we mean when we talk about God and "the world?"

### **TAKE A SECOND AND READ 1 JOHN 2:15-17. THEN WALK THROUGH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH YOUR GROUP:**

1. We've defined "the world." So, what did John mean when he said don't love the world? (Does it mean you want to ask the world out on a date?)
2. Come up with some practical examples of how people (and, yes, maybe even you) show love for the world. (Look at verse 16 if you need help getting started.)
3. If we're honest, it seems like it's possible to divide our love, to love both the world and still love God. But in several places, the Bible says it can't be done. Why is it impossible to love the world and still love God?
4. Let this sink in: If you choose to follow the world, what kind of long-term outcome are you looking at? (Hint: Verse 17 makes this pretty clear.)
5. What does John say the future looks like for someone with an undivided love for God? In your own words, what does John mean?



**READ 3 JOHN 11. THEN WALK THROUGH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH YOUR GROUP:**

1. Wow! John was pretty much giving us the same message Paul was. In your own words, explain how this verse kind of sums up what we've just been talking about.
2. What language did John use to deal with the whole idea of choosing to follow God or the world?
3. Do you always do good? Do you ever do stuff that's wrong (or evil)? So, what was John saying? Was he saying that if we do wrong, we don't know God?

**LET'S LOOK AT ONE MORE VERSE. READ ROMANS 12:2 AND ANSWER THESE LAST QUESTIONS:**

1. This verse does an amazing job of summing up what we've been talking about. First, define the word conform. What does it mean?
2. OK, let's do another: What is a pattern? And can you think of a few practical examples of how patterns are used?
3. Now, let's put these together: What does it mean to conform to a pattern?
4. How does this idea of conforming to the world's pattern fit with what we've just been talking about? Put it into John's terms from 1 John 2:15-17:
5. When Paul talked about "transforming ourselves," he was talking about pursuing God with an undivided heart. Why is this such a transformation? Left to ourselves, in what manner will we pursue God?

# WRAPPING UP

SESSION 1

What does it look like when we love the world? Work with your group to brainstorm some practical ways we see our love for the world creep into our lives.

