

TALK IT OVER

CHRISTIAN Sacrifice – Week 3



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- How would you define the word sacrifice?

In your Bible, **Read Luke 6:27-32.**

In this passage, Jesus outlines how we should change our thinking, and our behavior.

- Sometimes, it's easier to look the other way. Talk about a time when you passed over an opportunity to help.
- Recall a time when you were in need and others helped you.
- What motivates you to help others?

Read **Luke 6:33-34.**

In these verses, Jesus examines our reasons for sacrificing our time, our treasure, and our talents.

- Recall an instance when helping pushed you outside of your comfort zone
- How can you be intentional about helping non-Christians?
- If a drug addict, violent offender, or homosexual needed help, would you?

Read **Luke 6:35-38.**

Here, Jesus illustrates our true motivation for sacrifice.

- In order to give, we must be aware of what God has done in our lives. How God has blessed you in big and small ways.
- What does it look like to respond to the hurtful actions of others with kindness, patience, mercy and love?
- Would you pray for opportunities to help others and show Godly sacrifice?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you apply the principles of this message:

Think back to moments in your life where people sacrificially gave of themselves to help you (their time, their talents, and their money).

Think of a specific person or situation where you can sacrificially give of yourself to help others (your time, your talents, and your money).

Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the love, blessings, and sacrifices that He has made for you.
- Ask God for forgiveness for the sins you have committed in spite of His grace.
- Thank and praise God for His infinite patience, grace, and forgiveness given to you.
- Ask God for the strength and wisdom to have a more giving heart and mind.
- Ask God to direct you to people and situations where you can sacrificially give.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others in a Small Group. Connect at www.newpointe.org – small groups