

TALK IT OVER

CHRISTIAN Go Get the Ladder – Week 1



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 do you think most Americans would define the term Christian?

In your bible read Matthew 20:20-28.

In this passage, Jesus answers a mother's request and explains that his followers are to be different from the world.

- What did your parents want you to be when you grew up?
- What in the request of the mother shows that the disciples had a different view about the kingdom than Jesus did?
- What are some specific ways you can serve people, using Jesus as your model?

Read Matthew 7:24-27.

These verses reveal that for Christians the storms still come, but you don't have to fall.

- Describe a difficult storm you have experienced.
- Is your foundation more like the sand or the rock? Explain.
- What can you do on a daily basis to build your life on the right foundation?

Read Matthew 5:14-16

According to these verses, Christians are to be the light of the world.

- Why is it important to be a light?
- Have you observed the light in others? How did it impact you?
- Is the light of your life shining more like a 300-watt bulb, 100-watt bulb, or a night light? Explain.

NEXT STEPS:

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

Dig deeper into God's word to learn more about the bible's description of a Christian: John 13:12-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20, 1 Peter 2:21-22, 1 John 2:9-10, Philippians 2:1-8, 1 John 2:3-6.

Have you observed true Christianity in others? If so, take the time to let someone know how their Christianity has impacted you. Ask this person to share some of the choices they have made to do what's right, rather than what's convenient.

Talk It Over with God:

- Give thanks for the people God has placed in your life who demonstrate true Christianity.
- Ask God to help you make right choices rather than convenient choices.
- Confess the areas where you struggle to live out your Christianity. Ask God to help you.
- Pray for the people you know who model true Christianity. Ask God to bless them.

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