

**UNITE**



**DISCUSSION** GUIDE

# SESSION 1

# IMMERSE

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- If you had to eat the same meal every day for the rest of your life what would it be?

## DIGGING DEEPER

***Together, open your Bibles and read from Acts 8:26-40 then watch Session 1.***

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Baptism is publicly showing others that you've recognized you need Jesus Christ and have committed to following Him with your whole life. Being dunked under the water and then raised back up again represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Baptism isn't required for salvation, but it is a biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ.

- Why is it important for followers of Jesus to be baptized? What is the prerequisite for baptism? *(see Acts 2:42, Acts 8:12)*
- In the video, we heard that baptism is an outward symbol of an inward commitment. Explain what this means in your own words. *(See 1 Peter 3:21, Romans 6:1-10)*
- How were you baptized, as an adult, child, or infant? Beyond the Greek meaning of the word "baptize" as "immerse," what other indications do we have that baptism is by immersion? *(See Acts 8:38, Matthew 3:16, Romans 6:4)*
- After you accepted Christ, how long did you wait before you were baptized? What reasons do Christians often have for delaying in being



# SESSION 2

# CONSUMED

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- What's your favorite sandwich and why?

## DIGGING DEEPER

*Together, watch Session 2.*

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

We celebrated communion as a church, why not celebrate in your small group? Begin your time of celebration by following this simple plan which includes reading some selected passages of Scripture that remind us of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection.

**Here is a simple plan to get you started.**

1. Place a loaf of unsliced bread on a platter and some grape juice in a nice cup on a table in the middle of your group.

2. Begin your time of celebration by reading a few of the selected passages of Scripture that remind us of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection.

*Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Galatians 2:16-21; Ephesians 2:1-10; Philippians 2:1-11; Isaiah 53; Mark 15:21-29; or John 19.*

3. After reading the Scriptures, pass the bread around and ask each group member to tear off a small piece.

4. Then read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 and remind them that this bread represents the body of Jesus which was broken on our behalf.

5. Next pass the cup of juice around and have everyone dip their bread



# SESSION 3

# MISSION

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

## DIGGING DEEPER

*Together, open your Bibles and read from Ephesians 3:14-21 then watch Session 3.*

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

**Pray it!** Take some time and pray Ephesians 3:14-21 back to God using your name in place of the first-person pronouns. Read it again as though God were saying it directly to you!

Pastor James talked about his 4 M&M's: Momentum, Missions, Multiplication, & Money.

### **Momentum –**

- What does 'We don't just come to church ... we ARE the church' mean to you? How does this impact how we interact with others?
- What can we do to be a part of a Spirit-led revival?

### **Missions –**

- We're sending more short term teams than ever before; more people are praying; giving is increasing. What part have you played? What part will you play?
- What does living 'on mission' mean to you?



# SESSION 4

# MULTIPLY

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- You can have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what is it?

## DIGGING DEEPER

*Together, open your Bibles and read from Acts 16:6-10 then watch Session 4.*

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Our passion at FAC is to be a church for the city. We know the city is growing. We know the people are coming. We know those people need to hear about Jesus. We are moving towards being one church with multiple congregations. Everything we do is ... all for Jesus!

- When did you first hear about Jesus? How did God open your heart to respond to the Gospel? Who did He use as part of the process?
- What does it mean to be a Kingdom community that is set apart by God, empowered and led by the Holy Spirit?
- How did God guide the Paul and his companions on their travels?
- Where do you have an open door to be used by God for ministry? In your home? School? Work? Community? How will you take advantage of the opportunity?

**Pronounce it!** Read Proverbs 16:9 several times over, stopping after each word or phrase. What words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?





# SESSION 5

# PERSECUTED

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- When you die, what do you want to be remembered for?

## DIGGING DEEPER

*Together, open your Bibles and read from 1 Peter 4:12-19 then watch Session 5.*

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Christian persecution varies from place to place but is defined by Open Doors as “any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ.”

- Have you personally experienced any hostility for following Jesus?
- What false assumption does Peter set straight in verse 12?
- How is rejoicing in suffering different from just enduring through suffering? What do you think is meant by “rejoice”?
- What is the first thing we should do during suffering (v. 19)?
- When have you gone through suffering? How did you remain faithful to God?
- In what form does your suffering for Christ look like? How does verse 19 comfort and give you assurance?



# SESSION 6

# INTERNATIONAL

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- What's your favorite place of all the places you've travelled to?

## DIGGING DEEPER

*Together, open your Bibles and read from Matthew 28:18-20 then watch Session 6.*

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

As part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, we're committed to sharing the hope and message of Jesus Christ in areas of the world where others are least likely to hear about Him. We do this through long-term international partnerships with others around the world serving in North Africa, Thailand, and Indonesia.

- How has the Great Commission impacted your life?
- Have you ever been on a Short Term Missions trip? What was your experience? How did it impact your life? Would you ever consider going on one?

We have a message that needs to be shared around the world. When Jesus tells his disciples to make disciples of all nations, Jesus is describing an all-encompassing form of discipleship. Jesus broke through a variety of barriers. He invites all people to partake and become a disciple regardless of gender, religious, social, or economic barriers. He is calling everyone into a personal discipleship relationship with himself. The Great Commission looks outward because of the compelling mission to make disciples of all nations. This commission includes sharing the message of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus to all the nations including people right here in Calgary.



# SESSION 7

# LOCAL

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## CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is your favorite breakfast joint?

## DIGGING DEEPER

*Together, open your Bibles and read from James 2:14-26 then watch Session 7.*

- What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

At FAC, we're serious about being a positive impact in the community and meeting people where they are with acts of kindness and support. Through various teams and partnerships in Calgary, we want to share the love of Jesus in our city in practical ways, and make a long-term difference in the community.

- Why is it important that faith and deeds go hand in hand?
- What can we do to have a faith that is infused in everything we do?
- Pastor Al shared with us a list of current Community Impact Partners. Which ones stood out to you? Are you involved with any of our partners? Share your experience. If you're not involved, what are some practical and easy ways to start getting involved?

Think about your life.

- How is God equipping you to be on mission for Him? (What are your gifts, interests and special skills? What education or training have you had? What is your profession?)
- Is God calling and equipping you to be on mission within your





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