



"HomeLess"
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The Point:

LESS OF me MEANS MORE Surrendering My Comfort

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- •What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

 Would you rather have the feeling of an uncomfortable tag poking you in the neck constantly, or an itchy rash between your toes all the time?

The Reflection (required) <u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- This series will be looking at humility from the life of John the Baptist. To set up, take a few minutes to brainstorm what you know about him.
- Read Mark 1:1-8. As a quick review of the Point, what things in this passage show John's willingness to be uncomfortable for God? Which of these do you think would the be hardest for you, if you were John?
- Read Luke 9:57-58. While comfort in itself isn't wrong, Jesus never called us to <u>seek comfort</u> first in following Him. Why do you think comfort has become such a priority for people today (both for those in the church & outside)? How could comfort become an obstacle to humility?
- Read the following ways that we need to be willing to surrender our comfort for Jesus, then <u>share examples</u> of how each looks today:
 - Getting Uncomfortable in Our Living: Luke 12:33-34
 - Getting Uncomfortable in Our Dwelling: James 4:13-16
 - Getting Uncomfortable in Our Loving: 1 John 4:11-12
 - Getting Uncomfortable in Our Doing: Luke 9:1-6
 - Getting Uncomfortable in Our Speaking: Acts 1:8
- While we have just gotten back together as a Pr'me, be open with your group: which of these do you need to surrender your comfort to God?
- Break up into pairs or trios and pray for each other to surrender their area of comfort to God. [LEADERS: this could be a very powerful beginning for your group, but don't force it if your group isn't ready]

The References

Main Passage: Matthew 3:4 (NIV)

John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:1-8*too long to print, read full passage in Bible

Luke 9:57-58 (NIV)

As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."

Luke 12:33-34 (NIV)

<u>Sell your possessions</u> and give to the poor. <u>Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys</u>. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

James 4:13-16 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that..."

1 John 4:11-12 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another...

Luke 9:1-6 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

"Take nothing for your journey," he instructed them. "Don't take a walking stick, a traveler's bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes..."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."