

LESS  
OF

*me*

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Discussion  
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*"HeadLess"*

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## The Point:

**LESS OF *me* MEANS MORE** *Giving Up Everything*

### 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

- In the Point, we looked at some cases where “almost” or “kind of” isn’t enough. What are some other examples of that?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read Matthew 14:3-5. Why did John get arrested? Was this a good reason for him to be imprisoned? How do we define “good”?
- Read Matthew 14:6-12. What did John’s obedience cost him?
- Why do you think that we as humans settle for “almost” or “kind of”, rather than going to extreme lengths for Jesus? What causes this?
- Look at these examples and discuss 2 things: 1) What did each person/group give up specifically (take an educated guess, when necessary)? 2) How do you think they *felt* about giving this up? Then, read God’s perspective on each of these and discuss why “extreme” is worth it:
  - *We Need to Be Willing to Sell Everything:*
    - Mark 10:17-27; Matthew 13:44-46; Mark 10:41-44
  - *...Because God is The One Who Provides Everything: 2 Tim 6:17-19*
  - *We Need to Be Willing to Obey Everything:*
    - Titus 2:7-8; 2 Corinthians 2:9
  - *...Because God is The One Who Empowers Everything: 2 Pet 1:3*
  - *We Need to Be Willing to Give Up Everything:*
    - Luke 14:33-35; Luke 5:1-11; 27-32; Mark 10:28-31
  - *...Because God is The One Who IS Everything!: Philippians 3:8-9*
- Close by slowly reading all of Hebrews 11 and share which person is most like where you want to be when it comes to following Christ.



## The References

Main Passage: **Matthew 14:3-12 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted and had John beheaded in the prison...

**Mark 10:17-27 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."...

**Matthew 13:44-46 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field."....

**Mark 12:41-44 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

**Titus 2:7-8 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

In everything set them an example by doing what is good...

**2 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...stand the test and be obedient in everything. ...

**Luke 14:33-35 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples...

**Luke 5:1-11; 27-32; Mark 10:28-31** \*too long to print, read passages in Bible

**Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...