



"MTH REQUIRED"
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THE POINT:

THE REQUIREMENT IS TO WALK WITH GOD IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

## The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> 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 be in a cave in complete darkness, with no light, or in the ocean in complete darkness, with no light? Why?

## The Reflection (required)

<u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- Read Micah 6:8. How do the Points from the first three weeks of this series (Act Justly..., Love Mercy..., Walk Humbly...) <u>depend on</u> this week's Point?
- Read John 15:4-6. In these verses, what's the difference between the fruit (or *light...*from the Point on Sun.) of someone connected to Jesus vs. someone who is *not* connected? What does the fruit/light look like in each? Can someone who is *not* connected to Christ do "good things"? How does John 15:8 explain the difference between the two?
- Read John 15:2-3. What are some ways that God prunes/cleans His followers? Give some practical examples.
- Read Luke 9:57-62. Luke shares 3 "snares" that kept people from following Jesus. How might each of these "snares" look for people today:
  - Ease/Comfort: Luke 9:57-58
  - Logic/"Common Sense": Luke 9:59-60
  - Convenience: Luke 9:61-62
- Which "snares" have caught you when it comes to walking with God?
- Read Philippians 2:14-16. In the Point, Sean shared 3 types of light when it comes to following Jesus: (1)No Light/No Jesus (2)Good Light/With Jesus (3)Bright Light/More Jesus. What does your light look like? If you're not where you want to be, what do you need to change?

#### The References

# Main Passage: Micah 6:8 (NIV)

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

# John 15:1-8 (NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...<u>I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...</u>

## Luke 9:57-62 (NIV)

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

# Philippians 2:14-16 (NLT)

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.