



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 02/04/2018

➤ ***Icebreaker***

If you haven't had a chance to talk, catch up on life over the last few weeks. What are you looking forward to as we continue into 2018?

➤ ***Announcements***

Please pray as we calculate the cash and 3 year pledge donations and work towards our \$1,000,000 goal.

Please go over the Guidelines for a Healthy LifeGroup. even if your group is largely the same as last session.

If your group has room, think about inviting some new people to join you next week. If your group is large, talk about the possibility of multiplying down the road.

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

Which imagery most impacted you from our series Advancing God/Changing Lives- the Kingdom of God invading... the church as a beachhead of righteousness... the diving board and facing our fears... the paint roller? What did these images communicate to you?

What according to the following verses is the purpose of our community life together: Titus 3:1-2; 13-14; Galatians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 3:7; Ephesians 2:8-10?

Why is risk almost always involved in advancing Jesus' work in the world? What are some stories from life and the Bible where someone has taken a risk to accomplish something significant?

Why are we so often risk adverse? Why are we inclined to play it safe? Why do we easily find ourselves stuck in our comfort zones? What do the following verses/stories tell us about stepping out of our comfort zones- Hebrews 11:7; Hebrews 11: 8-10; Hebrews 11:24-28? What motivates people to take risks and put something on the line for the Lord - see Hebrews 11:14-16?

Why is it so important for us to step away from safety to accomplish God's work? What are some ways we are called to do this with our time... treasure... talents?

What does God promise to do for us when we sacrifice, give and take risks- see Malachi 3:10-12; 1 Corinthians 9:24,25; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; 2 Cor. 9:11-13.

> ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...***