

## DIGGING DEEPER (cont.)

- Read Luke 14:25-35.
  - Reflecting on Jesus' words, what grabs your attention? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What activities or attitudes are necessary to following Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What is the cost of following Jesus without reservation?  
(cf. Luke 9:22-27, 61-62, 14:33; 2 Timothy 3:12; Romans 6:6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Why should we follow Jesus without hesitation?

## TAKING IT HOME

1. What prevents you from following Jesus whole-heartedly and with a sense of urgency? What can you do this week to remove those obstacles?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How can you as a Life Group help each other remove the obstacles that hinder your daily obedience to Jesus?

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**Series:** "Overcoming Obstacles That Trip You Up"

**Message #2:** "How To Beat Procrastination Before It Beats You"

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### MESSAGE NOTES:

1. Some causes for procrastination:  
Indecision, perfectionism, **fear**, resistance and laziness.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The truth is that procrastination only makes things **worse**.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. To beat procrastination, ask yourself...  
"What are you doing for **God's Kingdom**?"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. To beat procrastination, ask yourself...  
"What does God have to do to get your **full** attention?"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. To beat procrastination, ask yourself...  
"What are you **waiting** for?"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What can you do to beat procrastination?
  - Stop making **excuses**.
  - Master your **moods**.
  - **Set** a deadline.
  - Get some **accountability**.
  - Start **now**.

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

### QUICK REVIEW

This week, Pastor Mark discussed the familiar issue of procrastination. What stood out to you from this sermon?

### MY STORY

1. Have you ever had a delay in travel? If so, what happened?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What have been the results when you have procrastinated? How has someone else's procrastination affected you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

One of the greatest challenges we face in Christianity is obedience. This week to dig deeper, we want to look into the importance of obediently following Jesus.

- Read Matthew 9:9-13 and Matthew 19:16-24.
  - In both passages, Jesus says, "follow Me." What stands out to you about Jesus here? What stands out about the response of Matthew and the rich man?
  - Why did the rich man choose not to follow Jesus? Why didn't Matthew procrastinate in following Jesus?
  - What do these passages teach us about following Jesus?
  
- Read John 14:23-25.
  - In John 14, Jesus says "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word." What is Jesus saying here?
  - What is the connection between loving Jesus and our willingness to obey Him?
  - What are some ways we can keep His Word? (cf. Matthew 5:43-48, 22:36-40, 28:19-20)