

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

### TAKING IT HOME

1. At the conclusion of Pastor Mark's message he asked, "What about your commitment, what have you promised Jesus?" That begs the question, "Do you consider yourself "all-in" for Christ?" Share your thoughts openly. Resist the temptation to pass judgement. Ask for ways to be "all-in" and offer encouragement that is saturated in grace.
2. How can you glorify God this week, love God's people better, and express your loyalty to Jesus? Think of one way to address each area during the next seven days. Pray this evening for each person. Share your results with the group next week.

	Group Member	Glorify God	Love People Better	Loyalty to Jesus
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Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6

Day 7

3. Re-read the vision statement of First Free Church. What did you learn about the vision statement that helps you understand who we want to become as a church? In light of the past four sermons, what can your life group do to live out the vision statement?

*To be a creative, grace-filled, outward-focused church, full of joyful people who are deeply committed to God and to one another.*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

**Series:** "Back to The Future" - *Coming back to where we want to go*

**Message #4:** "Our future is deeply committed"

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Brunott

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### NOTES:

1. A committed Christian...  
is absorbed & preoccupied with the **glory** of God.
2. A committed Christian...  
has an unfailing **love** for the children of God.
3. A committed Christian...  
has an unswerving **loyalty** to the Son of God.

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### QUICK REVIEW

Pastor Mark discussed three distinguishing marks of a committed Christian, what are they? Of the three which do you believe ought to be a priority for Christians? Which is the most difficult to understand and apply?

### MY STORY

1. Consider a TV show or a movie you have seen recently and discuss how the characters demonstrated a deep commitment to an important relationship. If there is a specific and memorable scene that stands out to you, show it to your Life Group. Talk about the qualities you observed that demonstrated deep relational commitment.

Example – The Good Doctor trailer on ABC  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYIZDTru55g>

2. Take a few minutes to share a story when you saw a follower of Christ live out unfailing love for God or someone else.

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 16:24-28 and Luke 9:23-27 and answer the following questions.
  - What does it mean to deny self and pick up the cross daily?
  - According to these passages, what do we learn about commitment to Christ?
  - What is the potential cost and outcome of being a follower of Jesus?
  - If you are a follower of Christ, is this what you signed up for when you committed to following Jesus? If so, do you still believe that today? If not, what would it take to get you there?
2. Hebrews 11 is super fun passage to explore. Look at the verses below (pick only a few if your group is smaller). Briefly share how each person displayed commitment to God. Try to summarize the verse(s) with a few words or a simple sentence summary.
  - Abel (11:4)
  - Enoch (11:5-6)
  - Noah (11:7)
  - Abraham & his family (11:8-12,17-20)
  - Jacob & Joseph (11:21-22)
  - Moses, Israelites, Rahab (11:23-31)
  - General (11:32-40)
  - Have someone in your group create a master list from what is shared.
  - Discuss which qualities aspire or convict you to live for God more passionately.
3. Read the following passages: Leviticus 19:18, 34, Deuteronomy 6:4-6, Matthew 22:34-40. Summarize these passages. Which is easier for you, loving God or loving others? Loving people in the church or those outside the church? Explain your answers.