

January 18 & 19, 2020 | Upgrade – week 3
Group Discussion Questions

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service's message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

INTRODUCTION

God's promise to Israel was simple, "Be strong and courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them. Then you will be successful in everything you do." Even though it is hard to obey God at times, we cannot achieve an upgrade without obedience. This week, let's discover what aspects of our life are out of alignment with His will and make the necessary adjustments to find success on your journey for an upgrade.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a personal story in which following all the instructions were necessary to reach the end goal or something disastrous could have occurred.

2. How does obeying God coincide with upgrading our lives?

Read [Joshua 1:7](#). God wants our upgrades and the steps we take to achieve them to align with His will. Take time to discuss what God has to say about each group member's upgrade. How do we know our upgrade honors God's will?

Which biblical principles provide clarity to know you're taking the right steps to reach your upgrade?

Read [Joshua 5:6](#) and [Deuteronomy 5:33](#). Just like [Joshua 1:7](#), these passages refer to a promise God made to the Israelites. Do these passages encourage or discourage you? Why?

3. Here are three reasons obeying God is beneficial in reaching an upgrade.

God's power is activated by obedience. Read [Proverbs 3:1-4](#). How does obedience unlock God's power? If we are disobeying God, what kind of heavenly help could we be missing out on?

God wants to be able to trust you. Dallas Willard said, "Jesus is actually looking for people he can trust with his power." What responsibility and influence come with your upgrade? Why do you feel you are ready to handle this type of responsibility and influence?

God's way is always the best way. Joyce Meyer said, "Obedience to God is the pathway to the life you really want to live." Do you agree with her quote? Why or why not? Read [James 1:22-25](#). How are obedience and freedom connected?

ACTION STEP

4. Based on what we've discussed today, do you feel like you've chosen the correct upgrade? If not, what should your upgrade be?

What aspects of your life are out of alignment with God's will? Beginning this week, what adjustments will you make?

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is _____.

This coming week, I will encourage _____ to complete their action step.

Their action step is _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

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