

# Lesson #1

## ***I Said YES to God—Now What?***

Jesus invites us into an exciting life of obedient faith. As we've recently learned together, this life of faith begins with our own humble response to God. As we say yes to Him, He begins to revive our souls and fill our lives with purpose.

## **CURIOSITY QUESTIONS**

Did any aspect of the Life Action event surprise you?

How would you explain what this was all about to a person who missed it? How would you summarize what we all heard and learned?

## **MOVING INTO GOD'S WORD**

**Luke 6:46-49** - We learn from this text that there are two possible responses to the Word of God in our lives: a wise response (obedience) and a foolish response (disobedience).

Based on Jesus' rhetorical question in verse 46, why do you think so many people who declare Jesus as their Lord fail to submit to His leadership? Has there ever been a time in your life when that was your story?

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What do you think of the metaphor Jesus used to describe a disobedient life in the parable? Why would He use such a dramatic picture?

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**James 1:22-25** - We discover the same principle here, that merely hearing the Word of God is no substitute for putting it into practice.

Why would James call disobedience a self-deception in verse 22?

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Life Action asked us to "look in the mirror" quite a bit, honestly evaluating our spiritual condition. How can we, individually and as a group, avoid the error mentioned in verse 24?

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**Titus 2:11-14** - This text offers us hope that an obedient YES lifestyle is really possible, due to the amazing grace of God and the power of what Jesus did on the cross.

These verses describe some of the reasons Jesus died, beyond simply making provision for our forgiveness. Based on verses 13-14, what does Jesus want to do in your life?

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## MAKING IT PERSONAL

During the Life Action event, there were a number of areas brought up for prayer, discussion, and self-evaluation. Like David in Psalm 139:23-24, we were encouraged to ask God to really search our hearts. So, what did He reveal?

In the spaces provided below, list up to three areas of obedience you would like to focus on in the months ahead, in response to what the Holy Spirit revealed about your life. Then, if you feel comfortable doing so, share one or two of these areas with the group for prayer, encouragement, and accountability.

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I plan to take a step forward in this area by \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRAYER TIME

Use Titus 2:11-14 as an outline for your time of prayer. Phrase by phrase, work through the text and allow members of your group to pray conversationally on each point.

Pray for each other, particularly regarding any areas of obedience that were shared publicly.