



Week of January 1st, 2012

These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you grow deeper in your relationship with God and others. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- **Who is one person that you've impacted in a positive way? How did you impact them?**

With your Bible read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-9.

In this passage, Paul expresses spiritual joy at the strength of the Thessalonian church in how they stood firm.

- What does the mission of the Church mean to you? How does it inspire you?
- What are some things you love about your church?
- In what ways have you been positively impacted by the Church and its people?
- What are some big risks that God is calling you to make? How will you respond to Him?
- In what areas of life do you feel God calling you to be more generous with your time and resources?
- What steps do you need to take to turn yourself from being a small thinking and safe living person into becoming a faith-filled, big thinking, bet-the-farm risk taker?
- What are some of the unique talents God has given you? Where do you feel God is calling you to use your talents to serve His Church?
- What steps do you need to take to become more of a spiritual contributor and less of a spiritual consumer?

Next Steps

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you become a spiritual contributor and less of a spiritual consumer.

A great first step towards becoming a spiritual contributor is by serving your church. If you're not currently serving, then explore the various ways you can serve this week. Start by finding an area of the church that best fits your God-given talents and interests. There are lots of opportunities to serve within the church such as DiscoverLIFE children ministry, Connect youth ministries, LifeGroups, office administration, and EmpowerLife teams just to name a few.

If you have access to the internet visit our church website at <http://westcoastct.com> and look through the many resources available (audio, video, and LifeGroup downloads).

5-Day Micro Devotional:

- Thank God for His Church. Tell Him how His Church and its people have impacted and shaped you into the person you are today.
- Tell God what you love about His Church. Pray for your church and ask God to continue blessing and guiding it.
- Ask God to help you become more of a spiritual contributor and not just a spiritual consumer.
- Thank God for the talents He has given you. Ask Him to show you where in the church He would like for you to use your talents.
- Ask God to show you what big risks He is calling you to take.