

**THE WAY
That You May Believe
Growth Group Questions
Week of August 5, 2018**



Before you go to your Growth Group this week, consider this following exercise:

Step 1:

- a. Think about your calendar, your schedule. Start with a typical Monday, how do you spend your time before work or school? Disregarding your meeting or classes, what kind of interaction do you have with people at work or school? How do you spend your lunch time? After work or school, how do you spend your time? What percent of that time is in front of a screen? How much is interacting with people? What is the context of your typical conversations? What is the best thing that happens on Mondays?

Let's move to your typical Tuesday. In what way is it different from your typical Monday? Consider the same questions? What is it you look forward to most about Tuesdays? Think about Wednesdays and Thursdays. Think through the same questions. Anything special about Fridays? TGIF right? Why? Okay, think about the weekend or whenever that time is in your schedule where you have the most discretionary time. What do you do? Who are you with?

- b. Switching gears, consider your bank account and credit card statements. Where is your money going? Disregarding house or rent payments, groceries, medical bills, and utilities for now; where is your money going?
 - What does this examination of your time and money suggest you “want”?

Step 2:

In his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen Covey suggests considering: In your mind's eye, see yourself going to the funeral of a loved one. You see the faces of friends and family; you feel the shared sorrow of losing, the joy of having known. As you reach the front of the room and look inside the casket, you suddenly come face-to-face with yourself. This is your funeral, three years from now. As you take a seat and look at the program you see the first speaker is your closest family member; the second is a close friend; the third is someone from your workplace; the fourth is from your church or community group where you're involved.

- What lasting impression would you hope they would say you left on them?
- What does that indicate about what you “value” (or *really* want)?

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Growth Group time Table Talk:

1. Share what you learned by going through this exercise.
2. How different are what you want, based on your actions, from what you *really* want, based on how you hope people remember you?
3. What practical steps can / should you take to close that gap?
4. On Sunday, John suggested that when we get so focused on what we want, or our own way, we lose sight of THE WAY, Jesus. Can you share an example of getting so set on your way that you lost sight of THE Way? In other words, you let your way get in the way of THE WAY.