MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

Timberlake Church

May 25 & 26
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FOR LEADER:

In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions

MESSAGE RECAP:

This week the message answered the question, "Why People Get Stuck?" We learned more about how to have a grown-up faith for a better life.

The most recent message is available online at www.timberlakechurch.com for further study.

SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Ephesians 4:15-16

Additional:

Psalm 24:1, Matthew 16:24-26, 1 Timothy 4:8-10, Matthew 22:37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever felt stuck in your faith? How did you overcome it? If you are in a "stuck season," how can we pray for you?
2. It is said that "hindsight is 20/20". Are you able to look back on a difficult situation and see how God was working in your life? Would you describe it for us?
3. Read Matthew 16:24-26 in The Message. Notice how Eugene Peterson paraphrases this passage by stating, "God is in the driver's seat." Do you struggle with allowing God to be in the driver's seat?
4. We say we are in control. We even obsess about it, but in reality, it's an illusion. Why? Because God is the only one who has control of anything. Is there an area in your life in which you need to release control? Are you able to trust God even when you can't see the big picture?
5. Pastor Bryan discussed the difference between 'trying' and 'training'. Are you willing to train in order to deepen your faith?
6. Having a grownup faith isn't merely about collecting information about God, but it involves putting into practice what it is we know. How are you living out God's Word in your life? Are there areas in which you can further develop?
7. The mind requires biblical knowledge; the heart requires spiritual intimacy/depth; the will requires holy obedience. Are you engaging your whole self (mind, heart, will) in order to have a full-grown faith? How so?
8. As Pastor Bryan stated, if you sincerely want full grown faith, you're going to have to fight for for it. Are you willing to do so?