

# ConvoS

## KINGDOM WORK IS A LIFESTYLE – SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Welcome to the Small Group Discussion Guide for your Engage Experience. This is the same discussion content that is provided in the CIY Convos app. As you work through this discussion guide, each subtitle directs you how to interact with the content. Some are discussions, choosing someone to read, or even playing a game!

### The Motto

*(Read out loud)*

In this group we will respect one another, encourage one another and point each other to Jesus. Repeat after me.

“I promise.

To do my best to help each other become more like Jesus.

To create a space where everyone feels safe.

To truly take time to listen and hear what others are saying.

To be devoted to Scripture and the truths it gives us.

To commit to each other and to this group.”

### K.O.

*(Poll your group, have everyone answer)*

Without discussing why you think so, pick who would win in a fight.

Rhino

Gorilla

Grizzly Bear

Saltwater Crocodile

### OK, But Why?

*(Discuss the winning answer with your group)*

#### **RHINO-**

You chose rhino. A good choice, but is it the right one? Sure, they're bigger than most sedans, but they can't stand. Gorillas have opposable thumbs. Crocs have ginormous teeth.

Did you make the right decision? Why?

#### **GORILLA-**

A gorilla is a solid choice. I mean, it has opposable thumbs, but could it withstand the charge of a rhino? What about a death roll from a croc or a swipe from a grizzly?

Would they really win in a fight? Why do you think so?

#### **GRIZZLY BEAR-**

Adult grizzlies can weigh upwards of 1700 pounds. That's a solid fighter! But it doesn't have thumbs, it couldn't withstand the charge of a rhino, I guess it could swim with a croc.

Why do you think a grizzly would win?

### **SALTWATER CROC-**

Alright, this one definitely has home field advantage. But what would happen if you dropped it in the jungle with a gorilla? Or out in the open with a rhino? Or even in the mountains with a grizzly?

Why do you think a crocodile could beat any of the other three?

### **First Thing**

*(Play this with your group)*

I'm going to read off a list of 12 things or places. When I read each thing or place, everyone has to immediately say the first word that pops in their mind. I'm going to move pretty fast, so keep up!

School  
Sports practice  
Church  
Clubs  
Small group  
Band practice  
Cafeteria  
Library  
McDonalds  
Starbucks  
The mall

### **B-O-R-I-N-G**

*(Discuss with your group)*

How many places or things on this list are boring or normal things that you do every day?

Do you think God can use the boring and normal to do amazing things? Describe a time in your life when you experienced this.

### **First Things First**

*(Read out loud)*

Everyone grab a pen and a card. The card needs to be numbered 1-3 down the left-hand side. Write in the numbers if they are not already there.

In the box at the top of your card, write OPPORTUNITYISNOWHERE just like it looks here. (Pass the paper around so everyone can see.)

### **See, Not Do**

*(Read out loud)*

Living a lifestyle of Kingdom work isn't just another task we have to do. Instead, it requires a change in our perspective. If being a Kingdom worker truly is a lifestyle, then opportunities to do Kingdom work are all around us every day.

Look at the word OPPORTUNITYISNOWHERE. When we are not connected to Jesus, we can read it as OPPORTUNITY IS NOWHERE.

But when we are connected to the vine, it looks a lot more like OPPORTUNITY IS NOW HERE.

Put a slash mark between each word. OPPORTUNITY/IS/NOW/HERE.

### Now That We're Here

*(Read out loud)*

Now that we know opportunity is here, next to the #1 on your card write which of the following places you want to be able to see Kingdom Work more often.

Church

School

### #BLOCKED

*(Poll your group, have everyone answer)*

What do you think blocks us from seeing opportunities for Kingdom work every day?

It's scary

Too busy

Don't know where to look

### He Is The Answer

*(Discuss the winning answer with your group)*

**It's scary:** It can be really scary to take a leap of faith or do something uncomfortable. But if our eyes are on Jesus, we don't have to be afraid.

What are some things we can do to fight our fear of doing Kingdom work?

**Too busy:** When our priorities change to those of Jesus, our definition of busy can change as well. And Kingdom work doesn't have to take a lot of time. It doesn't have to be some big gesture; it can be very simple.

What are some simple things that we can do as Kingdom work in the middle of our busyness?

**Don't know where to look:** Kingdom work presents itself more and more when we are connected to the Father. When we seek Jesus more, Kingdom work is often more apparent.

How does staying connected to Jesus help us see opportunities for Kingdom work in our everyday lives?

### **Second Is The Best**

*(Read out loud)*

Usually one of the first places we can look for opportunities for Kingdom work is in the relationships around us.

Next to the #2 on your card, write down which of the following you think God wants you to have more compassion for:

Family

Friends

### **What Would Change?**

*(Discuss with your group)*

What would change if we were to take this seriously? If Kingdom work became our lifestyle, how would our lives look different?

### **Stay Connected**

*(Read out loud)*

We have talked about staying connected to the vine – we are the branches and Jesus is the vine.

In John 15 Jesus says, “Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”

In order to change our lifestyle or perspective, we have to stay connected to the vine. Our connection with Jesus is the doorway that leads to Kingdom work. Without Him, we can’t do anything.

### **Pick Number Three**

*(Read out loud)*

God can also use groups of people in our lives to spark Kingdom work.

Next to the #3 on your card, write down one of the following groups of people you come into contact with on a regular basis.

Club/Team

Neighbors

### **Kingdom Work Is A Lifestyle**

*(Discuss with your group)*

Look at your card. For the next 60 seconds, spend some time asking God to reveal which of the words that you wrote down you should circle. When you feel like you have an answer, circle it.

Once you have circled the word on your card, share it with the group. Based on what word you circled, your small group leader has a Kingdom Worker challenge for you!

You have until the next time we meet to attempt and complete this challenge!

### **Look For Kingdom Work**

*(Pray with your group)*

Now that we have our challenges, go around and share yours with the group.

After you have shared your challenge, pray out loud and ask God to give you the heart, eyes and hands to complete this challenge over the next few days.

When everyone has shared/prayed, the leader of the group will close with prayer!