



Let Us Go to Him: Outside the Camp

- Focus** Just as Jesus gave His all for us, God calls us to relationship with 100% commitment to Him. As believers in the kingdom of God, we are transformed by a new way of thinking that is opposite to how the world operates.
- Fun** Play the game “Hot Potato” with a packaged treat, book, CD or other small item. The winner gets to keep the item that you tossed around.
- Review** Key Scripture: Hebrews 13:11–14
- Just as Israel’s sacrifice on the Day of Atonement was burned completely, Jesus Christ made a total sacrifice on the cross for our sins. God is not interested in a contract relationship with us—He calls us to a covenant relationship with Him, where we give Him all of our lives in return. (Genesis 15:18)
 - Just as the atonement sacrifice was made outside the camp, Jesus was crucified outside the city. This symbolizes our change in values when we leave the kingdom of the world to become a part of the kingdom of God (1 John 5:19):
 1. We turn away from selfishness and deny ourselves. (Mark 8:34)
 2. We abandon lust because it is more blessed to give than receive. (1 John 2:15–16; Acts 20:35)
 3. We lay down pride and arrogance for humility. (Philippians 2:3)
 4. We choose mercy and forgiveness instead of the glory of power.
 - As people of God, we are travelers, and this world is not our permanent home. We will take nothing to heaven with us except the souls of the

people we have led to Christ. (John 17:15–16; 1 Timothy 6:7; Hebrews 2:13)

Group Dynamics Idea For the prayer time in the group meeting, divide into pairs. Then ask people to pray for that same person throughout the week.

- Discuss**
1. A contract relationship is a partial commitment, while a covenant relationship requires 100% participation on both sides. What are the benefits of our covenant with God?
 2. What happens when we relate to God as though we have a contract with Him?
 3. What has changed the most in the way you think since you became a follower of Christ?
 4. Pastor Sameh said that our change in values as Christians is like installing new software in our hearts and minds. How do we install this software? What part does God play in installing our new software?
 5. Heaven is our home, yet we easily forget this in the busyness of everyday life. How would your life change if you were more focused on the kingdom of heaven? How can we help each other remember?

- Take Home**
- As we conclude, remember the following:
- God wants a relationship with you in which He means everything to you.
 - When we reject the values of the world and die to ourselves, we are transformed, and so is the culture around us.
 - We were born naked, and we will take nothing with us when we die, except the souls of people we have brought into the kingdom of God.

- Pray**
- Pray that each person will grow in their relationship with God.
Pray for those who are struggling in their thought life.
Pray for family and friends who don't know Christ.

New Leader Tip Throughout the week, pray for each member of your group.