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A Visual Faith Experience Wanna-Be's - No Commitment

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Theme: Wanna-Be's - No Commitment (Luke 9:57-62)

Intended Audience

Small group(s) of youth, young adults, adults, and/or senior adults. Intergenerational groups are always most helpful because of the variety of experiences.

Outcome of Experience

The participants will learn from their discussions of the importance of commitment in a relationship and in faith formation.

Introduce Experience

Once when I asked my grandson to assist me with a project, he responded, "I'm just not feeling it!" I wondered why he chose not to help me and what was the feeling he was missing? Lack of commitment can mess up a relationship. Some people dream and talk about lofty goals but don't show any commitment to action steps toward accomplish the goals. They are at times labeled as "Wanna-Be's." Have you experienced a relationship with a person who just could not make a commitment?

Image Selection

Choose at least two images that demonstrate the lack of action of a person who was "just not feeling it." Or choose an image(s) reflect the feelings that you have had in a relationship with a person who could not make a commitment.

Facilitators Questions To Guide Group Discussion

1. What do the images you have chosen express about the non-committal person of whom you are thinking?
For what action or accomplishment was the commitment necessary?
2. Do you still have a relationship with that person? Why or why not?
3. What emotions or feelings arise in you when someone, because of lack of commitment, does not assist you when you have asked for help?
4. What characteristics would you use to describe a "Wanna Be" person?
5. Have you ever experienced being a "Wanna Be" person? What did you learn from that experience?



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Scripture - Luke 9:57-62

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Image Selection

Choose one person from the small group(s) to read this Scripture text dramatically. Choose two other people to listen carefully to this text and when this reading is completed to go to the table(s) with the various images displayed, and choose two images each that connect to this Scripture story. Instruct those remaining at the table to think of questions to ask of the persons presenting the connection of their images with this story in Scripture.

Questions to Connect Chosen Image with Scripture

1. (To each person who selected the images) What is the connection of the images you have chosen with this story in Scripture?
2. (To others in the small group) What questions do you have concerning the connection of the images with this text?
3. What characteristics would you use to describe a "Wanna Be" disciple or follower of Jesus?
4. Why would Luke place this text or story of Jesus in the compiling and writing his Gospel?

Application

- Have you ever experienced being a "Wanna Be" disciple of Jesus?
- What made you "just not feel it"?
- What choices did you make to be more committed in your faith in Christ?
- Who or what happened to make steps toward a stronger commitment to follow Jesus?





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Prayer

As the facilitator, create a holy space for the individuals and group to engage in prayer.

Place a cross on a table. Behind the table on the wall or an easel place a large piece of newsprint with the following 14 (two-syllable or two one-syllable) words printed so all can see (or write your own commitment words to use for this prayer):

Using the tune of Amazing Grace sing down column one and then column two

Commitment Words

I DO

LOVE YOU

ALWAYS

TO CARE

FORGIVE

SHARE LIFE

ACTION

I WILL

PROCLAIM

GOSPEL

TO SERVE

OTHERS

FOLLOW

JESUS

Image Packs

We recommend the People Pack (set of 100 printed images) for use with this experience or other images that you may already have. You can find the People Pack at: <https://vibrantfaith.org/shop/visualfaithcards>

