

Selling Out
Core Group Discussion Guide
May 21, 2017

Message Overview:

What churches need and what people (especially young people) are looking for is a sense of community and togetherness and friendship. The reality is that true friendship requires a level of commitment that terrifies most people. This Sunday's message will look again at the book of Philemon to reveal what genuine commitment looks like and how it affects the relationships we are a part of.

Text:

- Philemon 17-121
- Psalm 15:1-4

Questions for Discussion:

1. Share a commitment you had to sacrifice for.
 - a. Follow Up:
 - b. Why did you do it?
 - c. What was the result?
 - d. Would you do it again?
2. How do you feel when you haven't seen a positive response to your sacrifice?
3. Read: 1 John 4:20 and John 15:13, Psalm 15:1-4
 - a. How would you summarize what God is saying to us?
 - b. Why do you think God places such a high value on our loyalty to each other?
4. Can you think of someone who has made a commitment to you and stayed loyal? What was it about them that made them stay loyal?
5. Thinking back on the message: Which of the four characteristics of commitment do you find most easy to live out? Which is the most difficult?
6. How do you know when it's right to break loyalty in a friendship?