

# Just Do It

## Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Generally speaking, do you like to think things over for a while before acting, or are you more prone to jump right in?
2. What is one of your favorite leisure activities?

**Read the following passage:** Matthew 7:21-27.

After three chapters of incredible teaching, Jesus' conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount effectively leaves us with a question: Are we going to do what he says, or not? It's easy to wait or worry or complain or talk, but Jesus is calling us to do the will of God. In fact, we will be judged not so much by the claims we make but by the actions we take.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Jesus describes people who are prophesying, driving out demons, and performing miracles in his name, but are not doing the will of his Father. What kind of people does Jesus have in mind here? What does it mean to do the will of the Father?
2. Explain how Jesus' statements in this passage suggest that Jesus sees himself as something more than another Jewish teacher or even another Jewish prophet?
3. Jesus implies in this passage that our lives will be judged and that participating in the kingdom of heaven is not a given for all human beings. According to Jesus, how do we gain entrance into the kingdom of heaven? How does Jesus' response connect with the emphasis on repentance, faith, and baptism that we read about in other New Testament passages like Acts 2:37-38 and Romans 10:9-10?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. How should this passage impact our understanding of doing the will of God?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3. How should this passage impact our understanding of doing the will of God?
6. Read Acts 2:42-47. What are some of the activities that those in the early church regularly participated in? Are you presently engaged in similar activities? Explain.

**Pray**