

JUMP SHIP OR JUMP IN

THIS IS WHO WE ARE – 2017 – PART 6

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is a “jump” you’ve taken this year? (i.e. jump up, jump someone’s throat, jump rope, jump the gun, jump ship, jump start, jump out of your skin, etc.)

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What causes people to quit something abruptly?
- Why do you think our current culture is so scared of commitment?
- Sharing is important. We were taught that as a kid. What is something our culture will share? What is something they won’t share? What does that say about us?

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read aloud the Scriptures on the next page. As you listen to these words, what themes do you hear repeated? *Leader: hand out the sheet, or have people look them up in the Bible, app, etc.*
- Have you ever “joined” a church officially? If so, why? What difference did it make?
- Do you have Christians in your life that are closer to you than blood family? If so, share how you think that came about?
- Pastor Mark challenged us to share our experiences, homes, and problems with each other. What have you shared with other believers? What difference did sharing make?
- Have you ever “quit” church? If so, why? What was the outcome? Since you are in a LifeGroup tonight, what brought you back?
- What reasons are you aware of that people have “quit” church?
- The New Testament describes much about the activity of many local churches. It does not list one where everything is great. Why do you think we have the idea that a church should not have any problems?
- Reread 1 John 3:16. Aside from relatives, who is committed to you like they are committed to Christ? Would anyone list you as an answer to this question?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus, fill me with a jump in attitude, when my feelings are tempting me to jump ship. In my relationships, in my church, and in my faith, help me live without whining. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- When another believer rubs you the wrong way this week, give them a compliment. Immediately. Aloud. It will do you soul well.

1 John 4:21 (NIV)

And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

*I am writing you these instructions so that . . . you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household**, which is the **church** of the living God.*

Acts 2:44

All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other.

Proverbs 27:17

People learn from one other just as iron sharpens iron.

1 Peter 4:9

Open up your homes to each other.

Galatians 6:2

Share each other's troubles and problems.

Hebrews 10:25 (GW)

We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.

Romans 12:10 (NIV)

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

1 John 3:16 (NIV)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.