

BASE CAMP



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September 2 & 3

Take the Next Peak

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Base camps are a central gathering, a check point no matter what kind of journey you're on. Whether you're summiting Everest or hiking in Brown County, the purpose of a base camp is to rest, refuel, and recenter yourself for the journey ahead.

Our base camp is a revisiting of why we do what we do, who we are, and who we want to be as a church and a community. We need to remember who we are so that we can keep going. We need a *Base Camp*.

TEXT

Acts 15:1-20, Romans 6:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

GETTING STARTED

Describe your favorite meal? Break it down course by course—the more details, the better.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The believers in Acts were giving new Christians a long list of to-do's now that had accepted Jesus. In what ways have you seen yourself or others doing this to new believers? Have you experienced this kind of legalism in a faith community before? What comfort can you find in the finished work of Jesus?
2. Romans 6 challenges us to accept Jesus grace, but it also says to sin no more. When you came to Christ, what did you feel like needed to change? What sins were you able to leave behind? What was it like to experience Jesus' love and acceptance for at first? Are you letting that experience shape how you treat your friends, family, and coworkers?

3. The Bible is living and active, and it has the power to change lives. Are you reading it? Are you seeking to understand it? Are you learning to apply it? Share with the group a teaching from the Bible you are actively trying to apply? How can your group come together to hold each other accountable?

4. To have a healthy culture, we each need to take individual ownership of how we serve guests and make sure we have a good reputation in our community. Aaron challenged us with some questions to do just that. As a group, take some time to answer each one and think about how you can help create a humble and hungry culture:

What did guests see? Did we prepare for their arrival? If so how?

Did they see people like them?

What did they hear? What did they experience? What did the feel?

Was it genuine? Are we believable? Authentic? Real? Approachable? Likeable?

5. When on campus, do you initiate conversation with others you do not know? How would you want to be treated as a guest? What do you need to do for this happen at TPCC?

NEXT STEPS

Culture: the beliefs, behaviors, and customs that a group of people accept, generally without thinking about them; that shapes who we are and how we will interact.

Be the church you've always wanted to attend. For TPCC to have a healthy culture, everyone must contribute. This week, ask God to make us the kind of people others love to interact with—at church and in the everyday.