

# BASE CAMP



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Keep Climbing

*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 9:1-19

## GETTING STARTED

What's the longest you've gone without eating or drinking? Why did you do it?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Values are more than just a set of statements; they keep us focused on what Jesus has asked us to do and be in this world. What values have you established for your life, family, and career? How do they motivate the way you live and shape the person you are becoming?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. What does it mean to reconcile people to God? What does it mean to be an ambassador? How are you doing with each of those things?

3. How would you explain intentional discipleship to someone who is new to Christianity? What are some ways you are intentionally digging your spiritual well deep? What has worked before?
4. Jesus invites everyone into discipleship. Anyone can believe in Jesus, but not every believer follows him (see James 2:19). What's the difference between believing in and following Jesus?
5. Spiritual growth happens best in relationship. God always involves other people in your spiritual growth, and he'll use you in theirs—just like he Ananias and Saul. Who's your Ananias? Who has God sent to help you when you couldn't help yourself? Who is he asking you to help?
6. What fears have kept you from letting someone in your life? (Acts 9:13-14) What are the dangers of living in isolation? What break throughs have you experienced as a result of letting someone in your life even if it was messy or uncomfortable?
7. Before you joined a group, what were some of the excuses you gave for not making it happen? How did you finally overcome them? What growth have you experienced from being in a group?

## NEXT STEPS

Intentional discipleship is all about digging your wells deep through study, prayer, and relationships. You can do all of that in a group. Choose at least one of the three points below and act on it this week.

1. Join a group at [tpcc.org/groups](http://tpcc.org/groups)
2. If you're already in a group, be willing to make yourself known, and find someone you can let in your life.
3. Invite someone you know who's trying to do life on their own to join your group or help them find another group.