



## Part 1: Time to Make a Change

### Big Idea

Each person has a God-given design and a next step to take, but many of us have a problem getting started. In Luke 9:57-62, two people say they're ready to follow Jesus but then make excuses for delaying the journey. Jesus plainly says, "No procrastination. No backward looks."

The New Year's song "Auld Lang Syne" challenges us to leave the unproductive in the past, and Scripture gives us direction for what we should leave behind. Isaiah 43:18-19 prompts us to move on from old history. Isaiah 58:6 tells us to move past old habits and get worldly things out of our lives. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 reminds us to leave old hurts behind because we are a new creation, reconciled to God through Christ. 21 Days of Prayer is a great time to fast anything that is trying to master our lives. Remember, we can't start the next chapter of our lives if we keep reading the last one.

Let's stop delaying. It's time to make a change by allowing Jesus to change us, our minds, and our lives. Through Matthew 4:17, we learn that we need to change our mind, get a new King, and understand that God is already near. Once we grasp those truths, we can draw closer to God, get honest with a friend, get in tune with our God-given passion and purpose, and do something greater than ourselves. Our God has the power to make lasting changes in us, so let's start now. We can't go back and change the beginning, but we can start where we are and change the ending!

*"Jesus said, 'No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day.'" (Luke 9:62 MSG)*

### Discussion Questions

- What past history, habits, or hurts keep you from seeing the new creation God wants you to be?
- How can you use 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting to step into the newness God has for you in 2019?
- What can you do right now to start from where you are in an effort to change the ending?

### Prayer Focus

Ask God to set you free from the past and bring hope for the new things He wants to do in and through you. Ask God to forgive you for looking back, running your own life, and for trying to be a king in your own kingdom. Ask for a new forward vision and for Him to be the King of your life.

### Next Steps

Step Two of the Growth Track happens next week at every campus. Come and find out how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. If it has been a while and you need a refresher, feel free to attend Step Two again.

### Leader Tip

How has God led you through the changes outlined in Pastor Chris's sermon? Think through the steps you took and share your testimony as a way to encourage the others in your group to do the same.