

NO MORE COIN FLIPS

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ON MY MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS

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INTRODUCTION

This week in our series *No More Coin Flips*, Pastor John uses Ecclesiastes 4 to explain that we need to stop flipping a coin on our most important relationships so we can lead a life with few regrets. Intentional investment in relationships creates a life characterized by diligent contentment rather than reckless achievement, “togetherness” instead of “aloneness” and lasting influence over fleeting popularity.

DISCUSSION

1. Discuss what it looks like to intentionally invest in a relationship—with a spouse, friend, family member, etc. Whenever we invest our time and energy in one area, we choose NOT to invest in another area. What are some areas of your life you could adjust, or choose not to invest in, in order to invest in a relationship?
2. What are the effects of using the coin-flip technique on your relationships? How does it affect your emotional life? Your spiritual life? Share a time when you were affected by this technique in your life [an unhealthy friendship, a broken family relationship, etc.].
3. Discuss how your group will in relationships in your circle this fall—hosting a cookout, attending a football game together, organizing neighborhood leaf-raking parties, etc.

THINK ABOUT IT

“Do you know that nothing you do in this life will ever matter, unless it is about loving God and loving the people he has made?”

- Francis Chan, *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*

The most loving gift we can give the people in our lives is lavishing them with our time, energy and attention. Invest in them as you would want others to invest in you. Mentor a teen or young adult from church or work. Invest in a small group to share life as you grow in faith. Be in community with a purpose—to glorify God!

DO SOMETHING

1. Be intentional this week with someone close to you by either connecting with them or setting up a time to get together.
2. As a group, decide how you want to follow up with the discussion from #3 above. Could you invite some of these people into your group? Have them join you as you serve? Bless them through prayer?

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