



10 Second Rule: Certainty | July 19, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

There are very few things we can know with absolute certainty. The more we get comfortable with uncertainty, the more energy we can spend focused on doing what matters most.

Key Verse

John 16:12-15 (NLT)

There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

Discussion

Take a moment to think about the signals between a catcher and pitcher on the baseball or softball field. Most times they are on the same page and batter after batter they exchange signals and agree. However, every once in awhile they have to call time out and discuss things a little further. Mixed signals are all around us...they happen at work, in families, and even between complete strangers.

1. Share an example of when you get your signals crossed with someone or had a misunderstanding. What happened?

If this happens in all other relationships, it seems fair to think that it might happen from time to time in our relationship with God. There are times when we won't be able to know with absolute certainty what God is trying to communicate to us. While we can take time to pray and try to discern, there may be times we need to "throw a fastball" when we are reasonably certain that is what God wants from us.

2. Can you think of a time when you did something that you thought God wanted you to do and looking back you may have been wrong?
3. Are there things with which you struggle because you don't know with absolute certainty?

In John 16:12 Jesus explains that there are some things we will not understand, but that the Holy Spirit is intended to engage us on things he is attempting to help us or tell us to do. It's as if Jesus is communicating that it won't always make sense. However, if you feel the prompts from the Holy Spirit, we should respond because that is how God interacts with us.

4. What are some examples of ways you notice God trying to interact with you in this world?

What's Next?

This week as you live out your faith, try something new. Take a chance on something you are reasonably certain Jesus is asking you to do. The more you do so, the better you will get at discerning God's interactions with us.